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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **ON AUGUST 5, 2008, BEGINS ON PAGE 137.]**

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7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD EVERYONE START GOING TOWARDS THEIR  
8 SEAT BECAUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL PLEASE COME TO  
9 ORDER? PLEASE STAND. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE BY  
10 RABBI ZOE KLEIN, TEMPLE ISAIAH, FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE  
11 PLEDGE BY LARRY ECHAVARRIA, A MEMBER OF POST NO. 2, CULVER  
12 CITY AMVETS FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

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14   **RABBI ZOE KLEIN:** FROM HISTORY BOOKS, IS COMMONLY KNOWN QUEENS  
15 LIKE TO SEND COLUMBUSES BECAUSE THEY EXPLORE UNCHARTED SHORES,  
16 PLANT FLAGS, AND COLONIZE. THE QUEEN BEE, SIMILARLY, SENDS HER  
17 DRONES WITHOUT SO MUCH AS COMPASSES TO PROBE UNOPENED DOORS,  
18 PICK UP STICKY SPORES, AND BY THE BY TO POLLENIZE. AND SO WE  
19 RAISE A QUESTION: WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THEM? WHAT  
20 DIFFERENTIATES A SAPIEN FROM A MATURE SPECKLED HEN? ARE WE NOT  
21 BOTH DROSS AND CLAY? DID NOT ONE SEA BIRTH US AND THEY? THOUGH  
22 WE SPORT OPPOSABLE TOES AND THUMBS, IS IT NOT ONE SOURCE FROM  
23 WHICH LIFE COMES? ARE THE SPARROW'S NEST AND THE SPIDER'S WEB  
24 SO DIFFERENT FROM THE JONES' BED? BUT NATURE DOESN'T PONDER A  
25 PARADOX SUCH AS THIS. RAINS AWAIT THEIR SEASON. BUGS GO ABOUT



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1 THEIR BIZ. A BRIEF, BRIEF TOUR OF THE SEASONS. AUTUMN: IT IS  
2 THE TREE SEASON OF LAST HURRAH, A COLOR BLAST OF AWESOME HUES,  
3 AMETHYST, AUBURN, FIERY TOPAZ AND RUBY ARE SWEEPED IN GOLD BLURS  
4 DOWN FUNNELS. WIND BLOWN LEAF BOATS SAIL THE AIR AND SINK LIKE  
5 CARELESS TIDDLY WINKS. THEY LAND IN SPONGY BROWN OAK AND  
6 SOAKING MULCH WHERE EARTH WORMS TUNNEL. WINTER: THE POWDERED  
7 MEADOW IS FILLED WITH SKITTERY PRINTS. THE SUN SHOOTS TINY  
8 RAINBOWS OFF OF ICY LITTLE GLINTS THAT HANG FROM TWIGGY  
9 FINGERS IN THE TREES. INSIDE WINTER'S SANCTUARY, WHAT PRAYERS  
10 TO OFFER HERE? IN THE DAZZLING DIAMOND CLEARING, IT SEEMS THAT  
11 GOD IS VERY NEAR WATCHING QUIETLY FROM THE SILHOUETTED EAVES.  
12 AND UNDERNEATH THE SNOW SHEATH, LIFE TREMBLES IN POTENTIAL,  
13 KNOWING SURE AS HEARTBEATS THAT SPRINGTIME MEANS SALVATION.  
14 SPRING. SPRINGTIME IS AN ERUPTION OF FLOWERS IRREPRESSIBLE,  
15 THE RESURRECTION OF COLOR EXPLODES FROM VARIED VESTIBULES. THE  
16 BUDS, THE CUPS, THE BUTTERCUPS, LIKE JONAH FROM THE DEPTHS,  
17 FLING THEIR ARMS OUT TO THE SUN AND DRAW THE SWEETEST BREATH.  
18 PERHAPS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM IS THAT THEY ARE  
19 REBORN AGAIN AND AGAIN WHILE WE JUST PROGRESS FROM BEGINNING  
20 TO END, OR DO WE? SUMMER. MAY WE AS A GARDEN BLOOM, EACH ONE A  
21 SWEET UNIQUE PERFUME, TOGETHER AN EXQUISITE BOUQUET, WE COME  
22 TOGETHER THIS SUMMER DAY, REBORN, RENEWED, RESOLVED, REVIVED,  
23 BRIGHTENED, IGNITED, AND ALIVE. GRATEFUL, SEEKING, HEAVEN  
24 REACHING. INCH BY INCH, ROW BY ROW, SOMEONE BLESS THESE SEEDS  
25 WE SOW. SOMEONE WARM THEM FROM BELOW. PULLING WEEDS AND





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1 PICKING STONES, MAN IS MADE OF DREAMS AND BONES. INCH BY INCH,  
2 ROW BY ROW, SOMEONE BLESS THESE SEEDS YOU SOW. SOMEONE QUENCH  
3 THEM FROM ABOVE. TOIL BRAVELY, DEAR BOARD, FOR LIFE, FOR LOVE.

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5 **LARRY ECHAVARRIA:** HANDS OVER YOUR HEARTS, PLEASE. [PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN THAT  
11 BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI ZOE KLEIN, WHO IS  
12 THE SENIOR RABBI AT TEMPLE ISAIAH IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHERE I  
13 USED TO TEACH BEFORE I -- I'M WELCOME TO COME BACK. DON'T HOLD  
14 YOUR BREATH THERE. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. ANYWAY, RABBI  
15 KLEIN HAS SERVED AT TEMPLE ISAIAH SINCE 2000. THE CONGREGATION  
16 IS CURRENTLY CELEBRATING ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN WEST L.A.  
17 RABBI KLEIN IS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT VARIOUS ASSEMBLIES  
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SHE HAS WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR NUMEROUS  
19 PUBLICATIONS AND PRAYERS WHICH ARE USED IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP  
20 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HER FIRST NOVEL, "DRAWING IN THE DUST"  
21 WILL BE PUBLISHED BY SIMON & SCHUSTER IN MAY OF 2009. AND A  
22 BOOK OF HER POETRY IS CONTRACTED TO BE PUBLISHED BY DAVID  
23 GODINE PUBLISHERS. RABBI KLEIN LIVES IN LOS ANGELES WITH HER  
24 HUSBAND, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN.



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1 AGAIN, RABBI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INVOCATION AND FOR  
2 BLESSING US THIS MORNING WITH YOUR PRESENCE. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OUR PLEDGE VETERAN TODAY, LARRY ECHAVARRIA,  
5 AND HE IS FROM CULVER CITY, AND HE HAS BEEN HERE FOUR TIMES.  
6 WE ALWAYS WELCOME HIM BACK. VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HIM. AND HE'S  
7 FROM AMVET POST 2, CULVER CITY. HE WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM  
8 '53 TO '56 AS A CORPORAL IN THE U.S. ARMY. HE WAS IN THE 919TH  
9 ENGINEER MAINTENANCE IN KOREA, AND HE SERVED IN KOREA. HE  
10 RECEIVED THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE  
11 MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH A STAR AND UNITED NATIONS  
12 SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S RETIRED FROM THE TEAMSTERS UNION. HE HAS  
13 TWO CHILDREN. HE'S LIVED IN THE DISTRICT FOR 48 YEARS. HE WENT  
14 TO HUNTINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT HE  
15 CAME TO CULVER CITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RETURNING HERE  
16 AGAIN AND AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.] THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING,  
17 THOUGH. WE APPRECIATE IT.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE  
21 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ITEM 1-D.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
2 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 5-H.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
5 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14. ON  
8 ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 3?

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ON THE SALES TAX INCREASE M.T.A.  
16 HE'S ASKING FOR THAT TO BE REFERRED BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE;  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 15  
25 THROUGH 67. ON ITEM NO. 15, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT





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1 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15. ON ITEM NO. 17, SUPERVISOR  
2 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
3 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 22, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
4 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
5 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 24, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
10 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
11 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST  
12 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 24. ON ITEM NO.  
13 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
14 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
15 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 37, THERE'S A REQUEST  
16 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 47,  
17 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS  
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 51, AS INDICATED ON THE  
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
24 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 12TH, 2008.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. ON 51?

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 51. ON ITEM NO. 52, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
4    AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
5    ITEM NO. 64, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD WITH ITEM NO. 67 FOR A  
6    DISCUSSION. WE'RE NOW ON PAGE -- I'M SORRY. THE REMAINING  
7    ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WERE  
10    YOU HOLDING 40? 40?

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12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANTED TO HOLD THAT. I WANTED TO PUT THAT  
13    OVER FOR FOUR WEEKS.

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15    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64?

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17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. 40.

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19    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OH. 40. OKAY, SO --

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21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, DID WE APPROVE THAT?

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23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. WE HAVE NOT. BUT ITEM 40 WILL BE  
2 CONTINUED FOR FOUR WEEKS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOUR WEEKS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT  
9 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
12 BY KNABE; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 25, ORDINANCES FOR  
15 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 65 AND 66. AND ON ITEM 65, I'LL READ THE  
16 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
17 TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
18 THE ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN  
19 CLASSIFICATIONS, NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS, SALARIES AND  
20 ITEM NUMBERS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS  
21 OF CLASSIFICATION STUDIES TO AMEND A BONUS PROVISION AND TO  
22 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 66, SINCE THIS ITEM RELATES TO  
3 ITEM NO. 22, WE WILL REFER THIS ITEM BACK TO THE CHIEF  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEM 67 AND 68. ON ITEM  
9 NO. 67, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. AND ON ITEM NO.  
10 68, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 26,  
11 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
12 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE  
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 69-A.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
16 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
20 DISTRICT NO. 4.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. CONSUL GENERAL  
23 FROM KOREA? I'M VERY PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE HONORABLE JAE  
24 SOO KIM, CONSUL GENERAL OF KOREA IN LOS ANGELES. HE CAME TO  
25 THIS POSITION FROM THE FACULTY OF IN HA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT



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1 OF LAW IN SEOUL. CONSUL GENERAL KIM HAS A DISTINGUISHED CAREER  
2 AS AN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE WAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
3 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND NATIONAL PARTY, NOW THE  
4 MAJORITY PARTY IN THE KOREAN LEGISLATURE. ALTHOUGH NOW AS  
5 CONSUL GENERAL HE DOES NOT BELONG TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY HE  
6 WAS ALSO A LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW AT YONSEI  
7 UNDERWOOD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN SEOUL. HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED  
8 WITH KOREA-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE  
9 EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM CAL STATE  
10 UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. HIS J.D. FROM WESTERN STATE  
11 UNIVERSITY IN ORANGE COUNTY. HE ATTENDED THE GRADUATE SCHOOL  
12 OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON  
13 D.C. FROM 2004 TO 2007 HE WAS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE FEDERATION  
14 OF KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS, ALSO IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
15 CONSUL GENERAL KIM AND I ALSO HAVE IN COMMON THE FACT WE'RE  
16 BOTH MEMBERS OF CALIFORNIA'S STATE BAR AND HE IS BEING JOINED  
17 IN LOS ANGELES BY HIS WIFE, JANICE, THEIR SON AND TWO  
18 DAUGHTERS. HE'S ACCOMPANIED TODAY BY HIS DAUGHTER, CHRISTINE.  
19 ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
21 WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL JAE SOO KIM TO LOS ANGELES AND WE  
22 CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

23

24 **JAE SOO KIM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU, MISS  
25 BURKE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR NICE INTRODUCTION. MY NAME



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1 IS JAE SOO KIM. AS MISS BURKE MENTIONED, I'M A MEMBER OF THE  
2 CALIFORNIA BAR. WHEN I WAS GOING TO LAW SCHOOL, A FRIEND OF  
3 MINE WAS KIDDING ME, YOUR NAME SHOWS YOU ARE DESTINED TO  
4 BECOME A LAWYER. WHY? YOUR NAME IMPLIES THAT JAE IS SUING KIM.  
5 JAY IS SUING KIMBERLY. SO THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. SO I WAS  
6 THINKING THAT MAYBE I HAD TO BECOME A LAWYER, OKAY? SO I  
7 PASSED CALIFORNIA BAR. AND NOW -- I USED TO LIVE IN LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY, AND I WENT BACK TO KOREA AND CAME BACK. SO I  
9 AM NOT A STRANGER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AS A FORMER  
10 MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WAS REALLY HAPPY AND I'M SURE  
11 THAT ANGELINOS ARE SO HAPPY BECAUSE THEY HAVE ONE OF THE BEST  
12 GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD. AND I NOTICED THAT FIVE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS ARE WORKING VERY HARD. AND THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF  
14 INFLUENCE AND POWER. SO THEY ARE CALLING THEM THE FIVE LITTLE  
15 KINGS? AM I CORRECT? I THINK THAT THAT HAVE TO CHANGE THE TERM  
16 FROM FIVE LITTLE KINGS TO TWO QUEENS AND THREE KINGS, MAYBE.  
17 BECAUSE WE RESPECT A WOMAN'S RIGHT. (SPEAKING IN KOREAN). I  
18 WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS TO  
19 PARTICIPATE IN THE AMAZING ISSUES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
20 I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE. AND FIRST OF ALL, YOU KNOW THAT  
21 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SUPPORT IS A KOREA-U.S. FREE TRADE  
22 AGREEMENT. AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A LOT OF  
23 JOBS IN CALIFORNIA, ESPECIALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I  
24 REALLY THANK FOR THE COUNTY SUPPORTING KOREA-U.S. F.T.A. I  
25 KNOW THAT THE COUNTY MADE A RESOLUTION IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR





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1 FOR SUPPORTING A KOREA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT. ALSO AS A  
2 MEMBER, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, I EXPECT THAT  
3 KOREA- U.S. VISA WAIVER PROGRAM WILL PASS VERY SOON. AND I  
4 THINK THAT'S GOING TO FACILITATE A STRONG KOREA-U.S.  
5 RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE. AGAIN, MISS BURKE, I  
6 REALLY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WELCOMING ME. AND I REALLY,  
7 OKAY, EXTEND MY WARMEST APPRECIATION TO YOU. THANK YOU SO  
8 MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.  
11 [APPLAUSE.] WE'LL GET A PICTURE WITH ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE NOW HAVE STARS, L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE  
14 CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE. PLEASE WELCOME DEBORAH  
15 ANDERSON FROM THE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. [APPLAUSE.] IN  
16 SEPTEMBER 2006, MS. ANDERSON BECAME THE FIRST TEEN SERVICE  
17 COORDINATOR FOR THE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN MORE THAN 25  
18 YEARS. HER GOAL WAS TO ENCOURAGE TEENS TO VISIT THE LIBRARY  
19 AND TO READ AND EXPLORE TOPICS OF INTEREST. IN LESS THAN TWO  
20 YEARS, SHE HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS FOR  
21 TEENS AND INCREASED TEEN PARTICIPATION BY 65 PERCENT. AS A  
22 RESULT, TEENS HAVE CHECKED OUT 45 PERCENT MORE BOOKS. MS.  
23 ANDERSON BEGAN A TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM BY DEVELOPING  
24 BOOK CLUB GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMUNITY LIBRARIES AND WORKED  
25 DIRECTLY WITH STAFF FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



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1 TO START TEEN BOOK CLUBS IN SELECTED HOUSING PROJECTS. SHE  
2 ALSO DEVELOPED AND COORDINATED TRAINING FOR MORE THAN 100  
3 PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP TO ENCOURAGE  
4 PROBATION YOUTH TO USE LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICE. MS.  
5 ANDERSON ALSO COORDINATED SPECIAL PROGRAMMING, WHICH INCLUDES  
6 ROCK CONCERTS, VIDEO GAMING, DANCE INSTRUCTION, ALLOWING TEENS  
7 TO TAKE PLACE IN A LIBRARY VERSION OF "DANCING WITH THE  
8 STARS." TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF PARENTS WHO NEED GUIDANCE IN  
9 CHOOSING AGE-APPROPRIATE MATERIAL FOR THEIR CHILDREN, SHE  
10 CREATED AND PERSONALLY SELECTS THE BOOKS FOR A NEW YOUNG TEEN  
11 BOOK COLLECTION. IT IS HER CAN-DO ATTITUDE, PROFESSIONALISM,  
12 ENTHUSIASM, AND RESPONSIVENESS WHICH STANDS OUT. SHE THRIVES  
13 ON DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS AND IS ALWAYS EAGER TO SHARE HER  
14 KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
15 AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TEENS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
16 SHE'S HERE TODAY. IS YOUR HUSBAND, MARK KENNY HERE? AND TWO OF  
17 HER THREE CHILDREN, KELLY AND MICHAEL. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HER  
18 HUSBAND IS BACK THERE, BUT LET'S GET A PICTURE. OH, WELL, YOU  
19 BETTER GET UP HERE FIRST AND THEN YOU CAN GET A PHOTO.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE --

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT ME TO DO DISABILITIES  
2    FIRST? OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE COMMISSION ON  
3    DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVES AND 2008 BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP  
4    AWARDEES. THE BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS CREATED TO  
5    HONOR THE MEMORY OF BILL TANTER, AN EXCEPTIONAL NATIONAL  
6    ADVOCATE AND LEADER OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT. THIS  
7    PROGRAM WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
8    GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SEEKING AN  
9    EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS  
10   PROGRAM IN 2003, THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES HAS AWARDED A  
11   TOTAL OF \$60,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 30 COMMENDABLE STUDENTS  
12   WITH THE COURAGE AND TENACITY TO LOOK BEYOND THEIR DISABILITY  
13   IN PURSUIT OF A BETTER LIFE. THESE SCHOLARSHIPS SERVE AS A  
14   LAUNCHING POINT TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO  
15   ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THE COMMISSION  
16   WORKS TIRELESSLY EVERY YEAR TO SUPPORT, PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR  
17   THIS WORTHY CAUSE, TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL FUTURE OF THESE  
18   VERY SPECIAL AND UNYIELDING YOUNG ADULTS. TODAY WE ARE  
19   RECOGNIZING FIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM EACH SUPERVISORIAL  
20   DISTRICT. I'M GOING TO READ THE ONE FROM SECOND DISTRICT, THEN  
21   I'LL GO DOWN THERE TO ACTUALLY PRESENT THE AWARD. AND THEN  
22   I'LL TURN IT OVER FIRST TO SUPERVISOR KNABE AND TO EACH  
23   DISTRICT WHO HAS AN AWARD. BINNA KIM. BINNA GRADUATED FROM THE  
24   LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES, LACES, IN LOS  
25   ANGELES. AND SHE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND LOYOLA MARYMOUNT



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1 UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL OF 2008. DUE TO A FAMILY TRAGEDY, BINNA  
2 HAS PARALYSIS ON HER RIGHT SIDE, WHICH LIMITS HER ABILITY TO  
3 PERFORM PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES. BUT DESPITE THIS LIFE CHALLENGE,  
4 BINNA IS AN UNWAVERING YOUNG WOMAN, DETERMINED TO OVERCOME  
5 OBSTACLES TO PURSUE DREAMS. ALTHOUGH REHABILITATION TREATMENTS  
6 HAVE FORCED BINNA TO FREQUENTLY MISS SCHOOL INSTRUCTION, HER  
7 DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION HAVE BEEN  
8 INSTRUMENTAL TO HER ACADEMIC SUCCESS. LAST YEAR, SHE EARNED AN  
9 EXCELLENT GRADE IN HER ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S. HISTORY CLASS.  
10 SHE'S BEEN ACTIVE AS A LACES STUDENT. HER EFFORTS INCLUDE  
11 BEING A MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
12 LEADERSHIP CLASS, SERVING ON THE SCHOOL CHARITY COMMITTEE FOR  
13 THE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH ONE YEAR SERVING AS CO-CHAIR, WORKING  
14 AT ORGANIZING EVENTS SUCH AS THE SCHOOL'S BLOOD DRIVE, AIDS  
15 AWARENESS WEEK, DARFUR AWARENESS, AND PENNIES FOR PATIENTS.  
16 SHE ALSO TEACHES BIBLE STUDIES TO ELEMENTARY CHILDREN. SHE  
17 ASPIRES TO EARN A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN MASS  
18 COMMUNICATION AND BECOME A JOURNALISTS OF A WELL KNOWN FASHION  
19 MAGAZINE. I'LL COME DOWN TO PRESENT THAT. AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
20 KNABE, YOU'RE NEXT, RIGHT?

21

22 **BINNA KIM:** WELL, I'M SO HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD AND I'LL  
23 TRY MY BEST TO, YOU KNOW, WITH THIS MONEY.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'LL DO GREAT.



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2 **BINNA KIM:** AND EARN A DEGREE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WILL INDEED. CONGRATULATIONS.

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6 **BINNA KIM:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO ASK RAMIRO VALDERRAMA TO  
11 JOIN ME OVER HERE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] RAMIRO GRADUATED FROM  
12 DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO MOUNT SAC  
13 COLLEGE. HE HAS A LEARNING DISABILITY THAT WAS DIAGNOSED AT  
14 THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF SIX. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAS CHALLENGED HIM  
15 WITH THIS LEARNING DISABILITY, HIS CAN-DO ATTITUDE, HARD WORK  
16 AND DETERMINATION HAVE RESULTED IN RAISING HIS GRADES IN ALL  
17 SUBJECTS TO A. HE WAS A ROLE MODEL. THAT'S RIGHT. GIVE HIM A  
18 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] HE WAS A ROLE MODEL AT HIS HIGH  
19 SCHOOL AND HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE WAS CONTAGIOUS. RAMIRO WAS ON  
20 THE SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR FOUR YEARS AND WAS THE TEAM'S  
21 CAPTAIN. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE WRESTLING TEAM. AFTER HE  
22 GRADUATES FROM MOUNT SAC, HE PLANS TO TRANSFER TO THE  
23 UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE AND COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
24 BUSINESS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE ASPIRES -- I DON'T KNOW IF THE  
25 CHIEF'S DOWN HERE OR NOT -- BUT HE WANTS TO BE A LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY FIREFIGHTER. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING RAMIRO  
2 VALDERRAMA. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHY DON'T YOU  
5 GO ON SINCE YOU'RE RIGHT HERE? OH, OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW WE HAVE ERIC AZUS HERE FROM THE  
8 FIFTH DISTRICT. HE IS A GRADUATE FROM ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL AND  
9 WILL BE ATTENDING CITRUS COLLEGE IN THE FALL OF 2008. AT THE  
10 AGE OF 10 HE HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH THE ATTENTION DEFICIT  
11 HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER AND DYSLEXIA. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF  
12 THOSE SHORTCUTS HE WAS ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND EXCEL  
13 ACADEMICALLY TO ENSURE HE WAS GOING TO GRADUATE AND CONTINUE  
14 WITH HIS STUDIES IN COLLEGE. HE'S BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL  
15 AND THE COMMUNITY. THE LAST THREE YEARS AT ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL  
16 HE WAS CAPTAIN OF THE VARSITY GOLF TEAM AND ALSO HAS BEEN ON  
17 THE SCHOOL'S BASEBALL TEAM AND THE GRAPHIC ARTS CLUB. HE WAS  
18 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUTS, EARNED AN EAGLE RANK DUE  
19 TO THE MANY COMMUNITY SERVICE DUTIES HE WAS INVOLVED. AND TO  
20 RECEIVE THAT EAGLE RANK, ONLY A FEW YOUNG MEN IN AMERICA HAVE  
21 ACHIEVED THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. DURING THE SUMMER HE VOLUNTEERED  
22 AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT THE ARCADIA GOLF COURSE WHERE HE  
23 WORKS AT THE DRIVING RANGE AND HE ALSO WORKS AT CARMINE'S  
24 ITALIAN RESTAURANT ON WEEKENDS. HE HAS AN INCREDIBLE DRIVE FOR  
25 LIFE AND A FONDNESS FOR HELPING OTHERS. AND HE HAS BEEN AN





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1 EXTREMELY HIGH ACHIEVER. AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON  
2 HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH HIS  
3 ACADEMIC STUDIES. IS THIS YOUR MOM? [APPLAUSE.] OH, OKAY,  
4 GOOD.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY HONOR THIS  
9 MORNING, I'M GOING TO ASK TROY HINES TO COME UP AND JOIN ME.  
10 TROY IS A RECIPIENT OF THE BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE  
11 FIRST DISTRICT. AND I'M VERY PROUD AND APPRECIATE THE  
12 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO HIM. TROY GRADUATED  
13 FROM DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL IN POMONA AND WILL ATTEND  
14 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN NORTHRIDGE THIS FALL. ALTHOUGH  
15 TROY IS CHALLENGED WITH AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER, HE HAS  
16 NEVER CONSIDERED THIS AN OBSTACLE IN ACHIEVING HIS GOALS. TROY  
17 HAS TAKEN ON LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN SCHOOL, INCLUDING SERVING  
18 AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOYS' BASKETBALL CLUB AND SERVING AS VICE  
19 PRESIDENT OF THE DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL BLACK STUDENT  
20 UNION. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND  
21 HAS EARNED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT. TROY WON NUMEROUS AWARDS  
22 AT DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS NAMED THE MIRAMONTE  
23 LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION VARSITY PLAYER IN 2007 AS WELL AS  
24 THIS YEAR. HE WAS ALSO NAMED THE OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE  
25 DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL BLACK STUDENT UNION. TROY IS A WELL-



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1    ROUNDED YOUNG MAN WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE WHO PLANS TO PURSUE A  
2    CAREER AS AN ATHLETICS TRAINER. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT  
3    YOU THIS AWARD ALONG WITH MY COMMISSIONER, WHO HAS BEEN PART  
4    OF THIS PROCESS. IT'S A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP, AND I'M SURE IT'S  
5    GOING TO GO A LONG WAY IN ASSISTING YOU. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
6    I HOPE YOU RECOGNIZE AS YOU STRUGGLE THROUGH YOUR COLLEGE  
7    CAREER, WHICH IS TOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME, THAT THERE ARE A LOT  
8    OF PEOPLE THAT ARE PUSHING FOR YOU TO HAVE GREAT SUCCESS,  
9    WHICH I'M SURE YOU WILL. CONGRATULATIONS, TROY. [APPLAUSE.]

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANKS. MADAME CHAIR, IT GIVES ME  
16    A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO  
17    JESSICA QUINTANA, WHO GRADUATED FROM FULTON COLLEGE  
18    PREPARATORY AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND LOS ANGELES PIERCE  
19    COLLEGE IN THE THIRD DISTRICT IN THE FALL OF 2008. AT THE AGE  
20    OF 8, JESSICA WAS DIAGNOSED WAS A RARE DISEASE  
21    NEUROFIBROMATOSIS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME,  
22    WHICH HAS CAUSED A SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY THAT AFFECTS  
23    HER ABILITY TO PROCESS INFORMATION QUICKLY. HOWEVER, SHE HAS  
24    THE DETERMINATION AND SELF-DISCIPLINE THAT IN SPITE OF THOSE  
25    DIFFICULTIES, SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME HER DISABILITY.



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1 HER LOVE FOR EDUCATION HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE TO ACHIEVING  
2 GOOD GRADES. SHE IS AN INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL FOR HER  
3 PEERS. JESSICA IS A CADET IN HER SCHOOL'S AIR FORCE JUNIOR  
4 R.O.T.C. AND SHE IS DEDICATED TO THE VISION OF HARD WORK AND  
5 RESPECT TAUGHT IN THE PROGRAM. WHILE IN SCHOOL, SHE WAS A  
6 MEMBER OF THE WORKABILITY PROGRAM, WHERE SHE STARTED AS A  
7 VOLUNTEER IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE HOSPITAL AND EVENTUALLY  
8 WORKED AS AN EMPLOYEE EARNING MONEY AND HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS.  
9 JESSICA LOVES ANIMALS AND ASPIRES TO BE A VETERINARIAN OR  
10 PURSUE A CAREER WHERE SHE WILL HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH  
11 ANIMALS. SO IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO PRESENT  
12 THIS PROCLAMATION TO JESSICA QUINTANA. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INVITE UP  
17 FIRST THE NORTH LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP. I'D LIKE TO  
18 CALL UP DR. KAY BRIEGEL, T. BETH HALL, LINDA IVERS, DAN  
19 PRESSBURG FROM THE NORTH LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP.  
20 THEY'RE ALL WELL-DRESSED AND MATCHING, I BELIEVE. THROUGH THE  
21 EFFORTS OF THE NORTH LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, THE  
22 NORTH LONG BEACH BACK TO THE FUTURE HISTORY PROJECT WAS  
23 INITIATED TO DOCUMENT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF PEOPLE AND  
24 IMPORTANT CULTURAL ELEMENTS FROM THE NORTH LONG BEACH  
25 COMMUNITY. THE PROJECT IS CREATING AND SUSTAINING A MORE



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1 FULFILLING AND POSITIVE SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND INTEREST IN  
2 NORTH LONG BEACH BY ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT ARCHIVE TO THE  
3 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LONG BEACH. THIS IS THE FIRST LONG BEACH  
4 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION EVER, EVER, TO BE NAMED A  
5 NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR, THE HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED BY  
6 NEIGHBORHOODS U.S.A. AT ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD THIS YEAR  
7 IN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA. THEY ALSO WON FIRST PLACE IN THE SOCIAL  
8 REVITALIZATION CATEGORY. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY  
9 COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND THE RESIDENTS OF NOT ONLY LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY BUT PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH LONG BEACH AREA,  
11 WE'RE PRESENTING THIS SCROLL AND WE DID SOME INDIVIDUAL THINGS  
12 UPSTAIRS EARLIER. CONGRATULATING THEM AS A GRAND PRIZE WINNER  
13 AND FIRST PLACE WINNER IN TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS. AND SO IT'S THE  
14 FIRST-EVER AND WE CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THIS GREAT HONOR.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **LAURIE ANGEL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURIE ANGEL, I'M  
18 PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP. AND  
19 THIS IS A WONDERFUL HONOR. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
20 RECOGNITION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT, RIGHT BACK-TO-BACK HERE WITH THE  
23 GREAT CITY OF LONG BEACH, I'M GOING TO ASK COUNCILMAN VAL  
24 LERCH TO JOIN ME UP HERE AND LAVERNE DUNCAN AND ALSO FLOYD  
25 WARSHAW, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANDY STREET IMPROVEMENT



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1 ASSOCIATION. ANDY STREET IS A COMMUNITY OF 24 FOUR-UNIT  
2 PROPERTIES HOUSING A RACIALLY DIVERSE POPULATION IN THE CITY  
3 OF LONG BEACH. THE ANDY STREET MULTI-FAMILY IMPROVEMENT  
4 DISTRICT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE GREAT STATE OF  
5 CALIFORNIA, IS A COLLABORATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND LOCAL  
6 BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE ALL AGREED TO A SELF-IMPOSED TAX WHICH  
7 FUNDS SECURITY MEASURES, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE  
8 DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY. THE ANDY  
9 STREET MULTI-FAMILY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BECAME A REALITY OUT  
10 OF THE NEED FOR A VEHICLE TO UNIFY THE CONSTITUENTS BEHIND A  
11 PROJECT TO ELIMINATE CRIME, EDUCATE PROPERTY OWNERS AND  
12 IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS TO  
13 ENGAGE THE TENANTS WITH PARTICULAR FOCUSES ON YOUTH. AND I  
14 MIGHT ADD, AS LAVERNE WAS TELLING ME EARLIER UPSTAIRS, CRIME  
15 IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA WAS REDUCED BY 38 PERCENT DUE TO THIS  
16 GREAT ANDY STREET IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. THE SUCCESS AND THE  
17 CREATION OF THE ANDY STREET MULTI-FAMILY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
18 AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED THUS FAR HAVE PROVIDED A MODEL FOR  
19 THE CITY TO REPLICATE IN OTHER TROUBLED AREAS. SO ON BEHALF OF  
20 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY AND LONG BEACH, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THEM THIS  
22 PRESENTATION FROM NEIGHBORHOODS U.S.A. TO THE ANDY STREET  
23 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR GREAT  
24 EFFORTS. I'M GOING TO ASK LAVERNE TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS,



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1 TOO, BECAUSE OUT OF THIS GREW A GREAT PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUNG  
2 PEOPLE. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **VAL LERCH:** HELLO, HOW ARE YOU? I'M THE VICE MAYOR VAL LERCH  
5 FROM THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. AND I GET THE CREDIT FOR THIS,  
6 BUT THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY LITERALLY MADE A  
7 DIFFERENCE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. 10 YEARS AGO, THE POST  
8 OFFICE WOULDN'T EVEN DELIVER MAIL TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.  
9 THEY'VE CHANGED IT. THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS HERE, YOUTH  
10 AMBASSADORS RAISE YOUR HANDS. [APPLAUSE.] THESE KIDS HAVE MADE  
11 A DIFFERENCE ON THEIR STREET. THE ADULT AMBASSADORS, MAKING A  
12 DIFFERENCE ON THEIR STREET. WHEN YOU EMPOWER THE PEOPLE OF A  
13 COMMUNITY, THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NEIGHBORHOOD BY  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WITHOUT ALL THAT, YOU CAN SAY THAT AND DO  
15 THAT, BUT YOU NEED ONE PERSON. AND THE ONE PERSON WHO LED THE  
16 CHARGE WAS LAVERNE DUNCAN. LAVERNE? [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **LAVERNE DUNCAN:** THANK YOU, VAL, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
19 KNABE. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I FEEL THAT CAN BE DONE IN  
20 ANY NEIGHBORHOOD. AS WE KNOW, GOVERNMENT CAN'T DO IT ALONE. WE  
21 HAVE TO TAKE CHARGE OURSELVES FOR OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD. AND  
22 THAT'S WHAT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD DID. THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WERE  
23 GOING TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DONE  
24 FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. AS SUPERVISOR SAID, 38 PERCENT  
25 DECLINE IN CRIME, AND ESPECIALLY SERIOUS CRIMES. AND OUR YOUTH





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1 AMBASSADORS ARE NOW GOING TO GO OUT INTO THE DIFFERENT  
2 NEIGHBORHOODS AND CARRY THE SAME MESSAGE, THAT WE ARE PART OF  
3 THE SOLUTION TO REVITALIZE IN ALL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK  
4 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH US TODAY WE WILL RECOGNIZE ANTHONY HORTA  
11 AND HIS MOTHER AND FATHER AND HIS BROTHER DAVID IS HERE, AS  
12 WELL, IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY'S HARD WORK AND LEADERSHIP TO  
13 ORGANIZE A YARD SALE TO SUPPORT OPERATION SMILE. HOW MANY IN  
14 THE AUDIENCE HAVE HEARD OF OPERATION SMILE? RIGHT. THIS IS A  
15 GREAT ORGANIZATION THAT GOES AROUND THE WORLD AND HELPS  
16 CHILDREN WITH CLEFT PALATES IN ORDER TO, LET'S SAY, HAVE THE  
17 PLASTIC SURGERY ON THAT CHILD'S CLEFT PALATE SO THAT THEY'RE  
18 ABLE TO BE NORMAL AND PRODUCTIVE AND DO WELL IN SCHOOL AND  
19 WELL IN LIFE. BUT HE WAS ONLY A SECOND GRADER. HE'S FROM THE  
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY, ESPERANZA A ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SO HERE IS A  
21 SECOND GRADER WHO SEES THERE'S A NEED TO HELP THESE YOUNG  
22 CHILDREN. SO WHAT DOES HE DO WHEN HE'S WATCHING TELEVISION? HE  
23 SAYS HE WANTS TO -- HE FINDS OUT IT WILL COST \$200 TO GIVE A  
24 CHILD WITH A CLEFT PALATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A NORMAL  
25 SMILE. SO HE WAS GOING TO RAISE \$200 FOR ONE CHILD. HE MOVED



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1 SEVERAL TEACHERS AND STAFF AT HIS SCHOOL. THIS WAS HIS GOAL,  
2 HIS PROJECT. AND HE WANTED THEN TO RAISE \$1,000 AT A SATURDAY  
3 YARD SALE. SO NOT ONLY DID THE PEOPLE COME AND PURCHASE YARD  
4 SALE ITEMS AND OTHERS WHO DROPPED OFF DONATIONS, THE FINAL  
5 TOTAL WAS \$1976 WAS RAISED BY LITTLE ANTHONY. [APPLAUSE.] AND  
6 LITTLE ANTHONY MISSED HIS QUARTZ HILL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL  
7 GAME TO WORK THE YARD SALE, BUT HIS EFFORTS HELPED BRIGHTEN  
8 THE SMILE AND THE LIFE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE  
9 HELPED. SO ANTHONY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU'RE GOING  
10 TO BE A GREAT LEADER BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS A  
11 PROBLEM. YOU KNOW HOW TO SOLVE IT. AND YOU KNOW HOW TO  
12 ORGANIZE THE COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU. AND YOU KNOW HOW  
13 IMPORTANT EDUCATION IS. SO WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS  
14 PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU MUCH, MUCH MORE SUCCESS AND TO YOUR  
15 LITTLE BROTHER DAVID, NOW YOU HAVE A BIG BROTHER YOU CAN LEARN  
16 FROM HOW HE'S BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS GOALS, AND YOU'RE  
17 GOING TO BE A ONE-TWO COMBINATION FOR YOUR MOMMY AND DADDY AND  
18 THEY'RE GOING TO BE VERY PROUD OF YOU. OKAY? [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **ANTHONY HORTA:** I'M JUST REALLY GLAD I GOT TO HELP NINE KIDS TO  
21 GET AN OPERATION, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE THAT  
22 HELPED ME GET THE MONEY. AND WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A  
23 DOCTOR TO HELP SOME MORE KIDS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP KURT FLOREN WHO  
2    IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND  
3    MEASURES, WE WILL RECOGNIZE GRETA DUNLAP FOR HER HARD WORK AND  
4    LEADERSHIP TO ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET  
5    PROGRAM. SHE HAS BEEN A CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET MANAGER IN  
6    LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, PROMOTING FARMERS  
7    HAVING DIRECT ACCESS TO MARKETS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR FARM  
8    INCOME AND FACILITATING CONSUMERS HAVING ACCESS TO LOCALLY  
9    GROWN FRUITS. THE BEVERLY HILLS CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET,  
10   WHICH SHE OPERATES, SERVES TOGETHER MORE THAN 100 OTHER  
11   CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS IN OUR COUNTY. THEY BRING THE  
12   BOUNTY OF CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TO THE URBAN  
13   COMMUNITY, ENHANCING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL  
14   FARMERS TO OUR DAILY LIVES. SHE'S SERVING HER FOURTH TERM AS  
15   AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THEIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE  
16   INTERACTS DIRECTLY WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
17   DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGARDING CERTIFIED  
18   FARMERS' MARKETS ISSUES. GRETA HAS ALSO AIDED GREATLY IN  
19   ENHANCING THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS TAKING A MAJOR EFFORT  
20   POSITION IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF HEALTHY  
21   EATING AND THE ROLE OF CERTIFIED MARKET FARMERS PLAY IN  
22   PROVIDING FOOD ESSENTIAL TO BALANCE ONE'S DIET AND NUTRITION.  
23   SO GRETA, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1   **GRETA DUNLAP:** MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU  
2   VERY MUCH FOR THIS AWARD. I'M VERY HONORED. I'M FORTUNATE TO  
3   WORK IN AN INDUSTRY THAT IS -- IT'S FUN, IT'S EXCITING, IT'S  
4   EVER CHANGING AND CHALLENGING. AND I KNOW WHEN I TRAVEL AROUND  
5   THE STATE, WHEN I TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE STATE, I ALWAYS  
6   REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE I AM TO WORK IN L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE WE  
7   HAVE TERRIFIC SUPPORT FROM YOU, THE SUPERVISORS. AND WE ALSO  
8   HAVE GREAT SUPPORT, TOO, FROM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER KURT  
9   FLOREN AND HIS STAFF, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ERNIE BONTA. I KNOW  
10   THAT WE CAN CALL WITH ANY QUESTION, BIG OR SMALL, WITH ANY  
11   TASK AND IT GETS TAKEN CARE OF. THERE ARE 111 FARMERS' MARKETS  
12   IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE THE LEADERS IN THE STATE. IT IS AN  
13   AMAZING PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY OF  
14   THE WEEK. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE SHOPPING AT FARMERS' MARKETS  
15   IN OUR COUNTY. THEY WANT HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES, WHICH WE'RE  
16   ABLE TO GIVE THEM. AND IT'S A PLACE, YOU KNOW THEY MEET THEIR  
17   NEIGHBORS, THEIR FAMILY, THEIR FRIENDS. THEY SEE THEIR KIDS  
18   GROW UP. IT'S A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SMALL FARMERS IN  
19   OUR STATE, THAT THEY HAVE AN OUTLET WHERE THEY CAN SELL THEIR  
20   PRODUCE AND THEY CAN HELP SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. SO PLEASE  
21   KEEP SUPPORTING THESE MARKETS. THEY'RE EVER GROWING IN OUR  
22   COUNTY. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. I'M VERY HONORED.  
23



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING ESTABLISH AT  
2   BELAIRE A NEW FARMER'S MARKET THAT WAS REALLY VERY WELL-NEEDED  
3   AND EVERYONE LOVES IT. THANK YOU.

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5   **GRETA DUNLAP:** THANK YOU.

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7   **KURT FLOREN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, THANK  
8   YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS RECOGNITION TO GRETA DUNLAP AND  
9   RECOGNIZING HER GREAT WORK TOWARDS ADVANCING DIRECT MARKETING,  
10   ALSO KNOWN AS CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS. TIMING IS PERFECT ON  
11   THIS BECAUSE THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK, AND  
12   THAT'S PROCLAIMED BY THE SECRETARY OF U.S.D.A. AND  
13   HIGHLIGHTING THE VALUE OF DIRECT MARKETING THROUGHOUT THE  
14   NATION AND AIDING US IN GOOD HEALTH AND IMPROVING OUR QUALITY  
15   OF LIFE. AS GRETA SAID, OF COURSE, DIRECT MARKETING BRINGS  
16   THOSE FARMERS FACE-TO-FACE WITH CONSUMERS AND VICE VERSA AND  
17   HELPS THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES TO PUT FOOD ON OUR  
18   TABLES. GRETA ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE 111 C.F.M.S.,  
19   CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS, IN THIS COUNTY. THERE ARE ONLY 520  
20   IN THE ENTIRE STATE. SO THAT'S VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE WHAT'S  
21   HAPPENING HERE. CALIFORNIA PROVIDES OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE  
22   FRUITS AND VEGETABLES CONSUMED IN THE ENTIRE NATION, SO THESE  
23   MARKETS REALLY GIVE ALL OF US A CHANCE TO SHARE IN THAT  
24   BOUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT IN CELEBRATION OF FARMERS'  
25   MARKET WEEK, TODAY WE ARE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL CERTIFIED



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1 FARMERS' MARKET ON THE MALL RIGHT DOWNSTAIRS. THAT WILL BE  
2 OPERATING UNTIL 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON. THERE'S A GREAT SELECTION  
3 OF PRODUCE AND FLOWERS AND HONEY AND FRESH FRUIT. AND IN  
4 PARTICULAR, STONE FRUITS THAT ARE AT THE PEAK OF THE SEASON.  
5 SO INVITE EVERYBODY TO GO DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE MEETING AND  
6 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND THEN PAY YOUR LOCAL CERTIFIED  
7 FARMERS' MARKET A VISIT WHEN YOU GET BACK HOME. SO, GRETA,  
8 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE POODLE MIX NAMED CODY  
12 WHO IS THREE YEARS OLD. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE POODLE IS, BUT  
13 IT SAID POODLE MIX. [LAUGHTER.] SO LITTLE CODY IS THREE YEARS  
14 OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT CODY  
15 YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO  
16 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT CODY. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. WHAT DO YOU  
17 THINK, BILL? YOU LIKE BRADBURY? PLAY WITH THOSE COYOTES? HE'S  
18 A HEAVY ONE. HE'S A BIG ONE. HE HASN'T BEEN EATING HIS TOFU.  
19 LITTLE SCHNAUZER IN THERE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
22 PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
23 RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING AND INNOVATIVE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
24 PROGRAMS EVERY YEAR THROUGH ITS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM.  
25 NOMINATED PROGRAMS MUST MEET SPECIFIC CRITERIA, SUCH AS





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1    ENHANCING THE ADMINISTRATION OR COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF A COUNTY  
2    PROGRAM, UPGRADING THE WORKING CONDITIONS OR LEVEL OF TRAINING  
3    FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OFFERING A NEW SERVICE TO COUNTY  
4    RESIDENTS, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN  
5    THE ANNUAL COMPETITION. THIS YEAR, 23 INNOVATIVE COUNTY  
6    PROGRAMS RECEIVED A NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
7    THE BOARD, I'M PLEASED TO COMMEND THE WINNING DEPARTMENT HEAD  
8    AND PROJECT MANAGERS. BEACHES AND HARBORS, THE LEASE TRANSFER  
9    FEE WHICH RECEIVED A BEST IN CATEGORY AWARD FROM NACO.  
10    CONGRATULATIONS TO ACTING DIRECTOR SANTOS KREMEN AND STAFF  
11    MEMBERS PAUL WONG AND VIRGINIA BORTON. CONGRATULATIONS.  
12    [APPLAUSE.] CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE RISK MANAGEMENT, RAPID  
13    RESPONSE SERVICE PROGRAM, A JOINT PROJECT WITH PUBLIC WORKS.  
14    CONGRATULATIONS TO C.E.O. BILL FUJIOKA AND RISK MANAGER ROCKY  
15    ARMFIELD AND PROJECT MANAGER JOHN STREET -- OH JOHN'S THERE.  
16    [APPLAUSE.] CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, TWO AWARDS, CONSOLIDATED  
17    COMPUTER PURCHASE PROGRAM AND THE ENHANCED BUSINESS AUTOMATION  
18    PLAN. CONGRATULATIONS TO C.I.O. STAFF MEMBERS GREG MELENDEZ  
19    AND PROJECT MANAGER, STEWART CLARK AND JEANETTE PARKER.  
20    [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
21    FAMILY SERVICES, TWO AWARDS. INTERAGENCY HOSPITAL DISCHARGING  
22    PLANNING PROGRAM, A PROJECT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
23    HEALTH, AND THE ADOPTION PROMOTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.  
24    CONGRATULATIONS, DIRECTORS TRISH PLOEHN, AND PROJECT MANAGER,  
25    DR. YOKO SUKAHARA, LISA SORENSON, KRISTINE MADER, AND STACEY



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1 ASHLEY WILLIAMS, AS WELL AS ALMA FOREST STEWART.  
2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AFTER THE  
3 DISASTER CONSUMER INFORMATION, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
4 DIRECTOR OASTIR HERRERA AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, KIRK  
5 SHELTON. [APPLAUSE.] CORONER, UNCLAIMED DISEASED MILITARY  
6 VETERAN DISPOSITION PROGRAM, EXECUTIVE OFFICE DIRECTOR, TONY  
7 HERNANDEZ AND PROJECT MANAGER LIEUTENANT, DAVID SMITH.  
8 [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE EAST L.A.  
9 PARENT COLLABORATIVE, CONGRATULATIONS TO D.A. STEVE COOLEY AND  
10 PROJECT MANAGER JOHN DICELLO. HEALTH SERVICES, TWO AWARDS, THE  
11 MEDICAL HUB PROGRAM AND GROUP DIABETES PRIMARY CARE CLINIC.  
12 CONGRATULATIONS TO INTERIM DIRECTOR DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF, DR.  
13 MARVIN SOUTHWARD, AND TRISH PLOEHN. THIS WAS A COLLABORATIVE  
14 PROJECT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE PROJECT MANAGERS, SHIRLEY  
15 TOTOWAH, DR. SANWAT SATU AND CARLA NINO. [APPLAUSE.] MENTAL  
16 HEALTH, ART SMART PROGRAM. DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, DR. DORIS  
17 SOHCOR PROJECT MANAGER, KAREN GOLDBERG. IN THE AUDIENCE ARE  
18 KATHY HESTER, PLEASE STAND, KAREN STRIKE, JENNIFER OWEN AND  
19 SHIRLEY FIRNOI, WHO ALSO WORKED WITH THE PROGRAM. PLEASE STAND  
20 UP SO WE COULD RECOGNIZE YOU. [APPLAUSE.] PARK AND RECREATION,  
21 TWO AWARDS. CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION, C.S.I. CAMP, AND PARENT  
22 PROJECT. CONGRATULATIONS, DIRECTOR RUSS GUINEY, AND PROJECT  
23 MANAGER IMI PERIOUS. [APPLAUSE.] PROBATION, TWO AWARDS,  
24 EMPLOYEE COMMENT AND SUGGESTION PAGE, AND COMMUNITY IMPACT  
25 TEAM. CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN ROBERTSON, KIMBERLY TILLMAN AND



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1 FELICIA COTTON. CONGRATULATIONS. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
2 SERVICES, TWO AWARDS. RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM FOR THE  
3 HOMELESS, ELDERLY AND DISABLED, AND WORK STUDY IN PUBLIC  
4 AGENCIES. CONGRATULATIONS TO D.P.S.S. DIRECTOR PHIL BROWNING  
5 AND EMPLOYEES LA TONYA LEE, SHARON BROWN, BRENDA SILAS,  
6 ROSETTA RODRIGUEZ, DELORA ELLIS GRANT, AND KEISHA RANCHERON.  
7 FOR THE WORK STUDY PROGRAM PROJECT MANAGERS, LILLIAN PEREZ,  
8 QUINATA ORTEGA, DALIA CORNEJO, DIANE DURAN AND ANDREA  
9 WEATHERBURN. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVED FOUR NACO  
10 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ACTING DIRECTOR DEAN  
11 EFSTATHIOU, THE AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS ARE: AUTOMATING MAP RED  
12 LINING, PROJECT MANAGERS MARK SESENA, VERA RAMA AND FOSTO  
13 ROLAN: AND E-NOTIFY, PROJECT MANAGER JEWEL LIBBET, MAX QUAN  
14 KAYEVE; BRIAN CHU, RENEE MELENDEZ AND PATRICK ANDERSON. FIELD  
15 COUNCIL PROJECT MANAGERS RUDY SOLANO, RICHARD BAGBY, ELIZABETH  
16 MCCANN, WALDO PERVICINI AND JOHN WALKER, AND FLORA  
17 RASTAMENYEN. AND THE SOUTH WHITTIER SHUTTLE SERVICE PROJECT  
18 MANAGER, VANESSA RICAL. AND SHARI AVSHARI. CONGRATULATIONS.  
19 [APPLAUSE.] TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN.  
20 AND THE PAGES STUCK TOGETHER. WELL, CONGRATULATIONS TO TAX  
21 COLLECTOR, MARK SALADINO AND PROJECT MANAGER, KEITH KNOX.  
22 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD NATALIE  
23 SALAZAR, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008. THE NATIONAL  
24 ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH, IS SPONSORING A NATIONWIDE CRIME,  
25 DRUG, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM TODAY. THIS IS THE 25TH



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1 ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WHICH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO JOIN OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE  
3 COUNTRY BY PROMOTING COOPERATIVE POLICE COMMUNITY CRIME  
4 PREVENTION EFFORTS. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO MAKE ALL CITIZENS AWARE  
5 OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND THE IMPACT  
6 THEIR PARTICIPATION CAN HAVE ON REDUCING CRIME, DRUGS, AND  
7 VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S WITH GREAT HONOR  
8 THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO NATALIE SALAZAR AS WE ENCOURAGE  
9 ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
11 TOWN WATCH AS WE PROCLAIM TODAY AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
12 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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14 **NATALIE SALAZAR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **NATALIE SALAZAR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. AS YOU KNOW,  
17 THIS IS OUR 25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION, AND I  
18 KNOW YOU'LL BE JOINING OUR CENTURY STATION TONIGHT AT  
19 WASHINGTON PARK. WE HAVE MARCHES, CANDLELIGHT VIGILS GOING ON.  
20 THE JET HAWKS UP IN LANCASTER ARE HONORING ALL OF THEIR BLOCK  
21 CAPTAINS TONIGHT. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL BE OUT WITH  
22 HIS GROUP. WEST HOLLYWOOD WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF CELEBRATIONS  
23 GOING ON. SO THIS IS A TIME TO COME OUT TONIGHT, MAKE SURE  
24 THAT YOU ARE PART OF CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND



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1 INVOLVEMENT AND WORKING TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR  
2 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE SCROLL TODAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

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6 **NATALIE SALAZAR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD JAMES J. MANGIA,  
9 PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ST. JOHN'S WELL  
10 CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER. JAMES HAS WORKED FOR OVER 25 YEARS TO  
11 BUILD NONPROFIT PROGRAMS TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROVIDE FREE  
12 HEALTHCARE FOR CHILDREN AND HAS RAISED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR  
13 COMMUNITY-BASED CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS THE  
14 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SOUTH SIDE COALITION FOR COMMUNITY  
15 HEALTH CENTERS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY  
16 CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND CHAIR OF THE  
17 BOARD OF STRATEGIC ACTION FOR A JUST ECONOMY AND COALITION FOR  
18 COMMUNITY HEALTH. AS THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
19 OF ST. JOHN WELL CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER, WHICH IS A FABULOUS  
20 CENTER, HE HAS EXPANDED THE ORGANIZATION FROM A SMALL CLINIC  
21 TO NINE HEALTH CENTERS AND SCHOOL CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FREE  
22 MEDICAL, DENTAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MORE THAN 75,000  
23 CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN SOUTH AND EAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE'S  
24 THE FOUNDING MEMBER AND CO-CHAIR OF THE ASTHMA COALITION OF  
25 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHOSE MISSION IS TO BRING TOGETHER



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1 ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CLINIC CARE STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE A  
2 POWERFUL VOICE FOR POLICY AND SYSTEM CHANGE RELATED TO ASTHMA  
3 DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I  
4 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO JAMES MANGIA FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK  
5 AND WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALTH OF SOUTHEAST LOS  
6 ANGELES, AND EAST LOS ANGELES AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND  
7 MANY COMMENDATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **JAMES MANIA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO --, IT'S KIND OF  
10 WEIRD TO GET AN AWARD FOR SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ALL FIGHTING  
11 FOR. EVERY DAY WE ALL ARE ON THE FRONT LINES IN FIGHTING FOR  
12 OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. AND IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO BE HONORED  
13 FOR THAT, BUT IT'S REALLY OUR OBLIGATION. I WANT TO THANK ALL  
14 THE COMMUNITY CLINICS, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS AND ALL  
15 OF MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT WE'VE DONE TO FIGHT TO  
17 ERADICATE ASTHMA AS A DEBILITATING DISEASE IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. AND I ALSO WANT A SPECIAL THANKS TO PAT MILLER AND  
19 MARTY JIMINEZ, HEALTH DEPUTIES FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE SAT IN THEIR OFFICE OVER A YEAR AGO,  
21 WHERE THEY HELPED US MAP OUT THE PLAN FOR DEVELOPING THE  
22 ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR LEGISLATIVE  
23 AGENDA. SO WE'VE REALLY GOTTEN VERY FAR BECAUSE OF THEM. AND I  
24 ALSO REALLY WANT TO SHARE THIS WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHO I HAVE





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1 THE HONOR OF WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH, BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE  
2 TIME THAT WE COME TO THIS BOARD AROUND ISSUES OF HEALTHCARE,  
3 INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE UNINSURED OR WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC  
4 HEALTH, WE HAVE AN AMAZING AUDIENCE AND THIS BOARD HAS  
5 SUPPORTED US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. SO I SHARE THIS, REALLY,  
6 WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY OBVIOUSLY CAN'T GIVE  
7 THEMSELVES AN AWARD, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR  
8 ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK ON BEHALF OF HEALTH OF LOS ANGELES.  
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] DR. FIELDING, WOULD YOU LIKE  
10 TO SAY A WORD?

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12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT'S SAID THAT WHEN YOU FIND A CALLING,  
13 THAT IS YOUR PASSION, YOU'LL NEVER WORK AGAIN. AND I THINK  
14 THAT JIM MANGIA REALLY EPITOMIZES THAT, HAVING FOUND A REAL  
15 CALLING AND DOING SO MUCH. THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS THAT ARE  
16 BREATHING EASIER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ARE GOING TO SPEND  
17 MORE DAYS IN SCHOOL AND HAVE MORE CHANCE TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN  
18 THAT ROLE AND OTHERS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE  
19 ASTHMA COALITION. OF COURSE THE WONDERFUL WORK HE'S DONE WITH  
20 THE SAFETY NET. SO I WANT TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL AS USUAL I'D LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF WHO MAKE  
23 ME ALWAYS LOOK SO GOOD. BUT ASTHMA, AT LEAST IN MY DISTRICT,  
24 AND I KNOW IN THE SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR BURKE'S  
25 DISTRICT, WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM. WE HAVE SO MANY



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1 CHILDREN EVERY SINGLE DAY WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE ISSUES  
2 OF ASTHMA. AND FOR THESE FAMILIES, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP  
3 AND ASSIST, IT GOES A LONG WAY. SO I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR  
4 LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE, YOU'RE DONE? EVERYBODY ELSE IS DONE. I THINK NOW WE'RE  
10 GOING ON TO THE ADJOURNMENTS. YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE TODAY  
13 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ADELINE ROA, A RESIDENT OF HAWAIIAN  
14 GARDENS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
15 HER CHILDREN, YVONNE, DIANA, EDMOND, JR., ANITA, SEVEN  
16 GRANDCHILDREN AND 12 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
17 IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY STREET, A BELLFLOWER RESIDENT, PASSED  
18 AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE AGE OF 37. HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF  
19 LAKEWOOD FOR 18 YEARS AND WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND  
20 FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE APRIL, CHILDREN BRIAN AND  
21 RACHEL, PARENTS D.D. AND IONE, AND MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS  
22 AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. MADAME CHAIR, I WAS  
23 HOLDING ITEM 15.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T KNOW -- DID YOU GET MY ADJOURNMENTS?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M GOING  
5 TO ASK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE COMMENTS AND WHO ARE  
6 DOWN, IF THEY CAN MOVE TOWARDS THE FRONT. ARNOLD SACHS, WOULD  
7 YOU COME FORWARD?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, I CALLED  
10 ITEM 15 FORWARD JUST BASICALLY FOR SOME COMMENTS. AS WE ALL  
11 KNOW, THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM WAS KICKED OFF BACK IN 2007 AND  
12 THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS, PARTICULARLY IN LONG BEACH.  
13 SO FAR, WE HAVE HAD 182 CHILDCARE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE COUNTY  
14 SIGN UP TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STEP PROGRAM. SO I'M VERY PROUD  
15 OF THE FACT THAT 60 OF THESE PROGRAMS AND PROVIDERS ARE FROM  
16 THE LONG BEACH AREA ALONE AND CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR MORE  
17 PROVIDERS WHO ARE WILLING TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND  
18 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. I THINK, AS A REMINDER TO  
19 EVERYONE, WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS STEP PROGRAM IS THAT WE  
20 ARE EVALUATING THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THESE PROGRAMS. WE  
21 AREN'T JUST ASSESSING WHETHER OR NOT THE CARPET IS CLEAN OR  
22 THE WALLS ARE PAINTED. WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE LEARNING  
23 ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL. AND SO THIS IS A VERY CRITICAL  
24 INFORMATION THAT PARENTS NEED TO HAVE WHEN AS WE CHOOSE A  
25 RESTAURANT, WHETHER IT BE A, B, C OR D, IT IS SO IMPORTANT



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1 THAT THESE PARENTS HAVE THE ABILITY IN A SIMILAR GRADING SCALE  
2 TO MAKE SURE THAT WHERE THEY PLACE THEIR KIDS WHEN THEY GO TO  
3 WORK OR SCHOOL. SO WE'RE ALSO PROVIDING \$5,000 GRANTS TO HELP  
4 THESE PROVIDERS ENHANCE THEIR PROGRAMS EVEN FURTHER. SO I WANT  
5 TO, ONCE AGAIN, THANK THE OFFICE OF CHILDCARE FOR ALL OF THEIR  
6 HARD WORK THUS FAR. AND ALSO TO THANK FIRST FIVE L.A. FOR  
7 THEIR WORK ON THIS, IN PARTICULAR PROVIDING THE FUNDING  
8 NECESSARY FOR THIS PROGRAM. I DID JUST ONE THING AND NOTE WITH  
9 SOME CONCERN A LITTLE DISAPPOINTMENT. THEY HAVE ONLY COMMITTED  
10 ONE YEAR OF FUNDING FOR THIS. AND WHILE I'M OKAY WITH THE  
11 APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT AND WOULD MOVE THE ITEM, BECAUSE I  
12 DON'T WANT TO HOLD UP THE WORK, BUT I WILL TELL YOU WE'RE  
13 GOING TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP WITH FIRST FIVE TO SEE WHY  
14 THERE ISN'T OR WASN'T A FULL THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT AT THIS  
15 POINT AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ASSIST THEM TO GET TO THAT  
16 POINT. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY,  
17 THROUGHOUT ALL OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, AND SO I WOULD  
18 JUST ASK, YOU KNOW, ONE, THAT WE MOVE THE ITEM, TO MOVE AHEAD  
19 WITH THIS ONE-YEAR COMMITMENT, BUT KNOW THAT WE WILL PROBABLY  
20 BE BACK TO THIS BOARD TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO ASSIST TO MAKE  
21 SURE IT'S A FULL THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT. SO WITH THAT, MADAME  
22 CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25 ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'D CALL UP 17. I THINK A MEMBER OF  
3 THE PUBIC HELD THAT AS WELL I BELIEVE, AS A COUPLE OF  
4 SUPERVISORS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS?

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
9 ARNOLD SACHS. VERY QUICKLY. I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH WATER  
10 CONSERVATION AND WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, BUT  
11 ALONG WITH THAT, IT MIGHT ALSO HELP IN SOME CONSERVATION IS --  
12 AND I'M STILL WAITING TO FIND OUT IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO  
13 DECLARE ANY KIND OF COOL CENTERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST SO  
14 THAT IF THERE'S EVER A PROLONGED HEAT WAVE, THE PUBLIC WILL  
15 HAVE SOMEPLACE TO KNOW THAT THEY CAN GO TO BE COOL AND NOT BE  
16 WITHOUT THE BENEFIT THAT WOULD COME FROM THAT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO  
19 COME FORWARD?

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS, AND YOUR  
22 ATTENTION.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE DON'T GO TOO FAR AWAY? WOULD YOU  
2   MIND SITTING IN FRONT? BECAUSE WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS  
3   YOU'RE HOLDING, THEY'LL BE CALLING UP SOON.

4

5   **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOING  
6   ANYWHERE.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I THINK YOU WERE  
9   ALSO HOLDING THIS. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THEN I HAVE A  
10   FEW QUESTIONS.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HELD IT FOR ONE PURPOSE, WHICH IS I WANT  
13   TO ASK -- JUST MAKE A VERBAL AMENDMENT, THAT IF THIS IS  
14   APPROVED THAT WE ASK THAT -- IS THIS ON? -- THAT WE HAVE  
15   REGULAR REPORTS. I WOULD SAY MONTHLY REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS  
16   WE'RE MAKING. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE TO THE BOARD MEETING, BUT  
17   MONTHLY WRITTEN REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING TOWARDS  
18   ACHIEVING THE GOALS IN THE PLAN.

19

20   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** SUPERVISOR, ABSOLUTELY. MY NAME IS DEAN  
21   EFSTATHIOU, I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WE'LL  
22   DO THAT.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU PLAN TO MEET THE 10 PERCENT BY  
25   DECEMBER 31ST?





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2 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** FIRST OF ALL, AS FAR AS THE WATER WORKS  
3 DISTRICTS ARE CONCERNED, WE ALREADY HAVE, THROUGH AGGRESSIVE  
4 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND THROUGH OTHER MEANS THAT WE HAVE DONE  
5 IS WE HAVE ALREADY CONSERVED 20 PERCENT. AND WE'VE BEEN  
6 CONSERVING -- THE WATER WORKS DISTRICT HAS BEEN DOING THAT.  
7 AND THE PROCESS IS WE'RE GETTING TOGETHER WITH OTHER WATER  
8 PURVEYORS TO TRY TO GET TOGETHER AND TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH  
9 THAT. LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, UP IN THE SANTA CLARITA AREA, THAT WE  
10 HAVE OTHER WATER PURVEYORS, WE ARE GETTING TOGETHER WITH THEM  
11 TO EMPHASIZE THAT AND CONTINUE SAVING. AND AS FAR AS THE WATER  
12 FACILITIES, VARIOUS BUILDINGS THAT THE COUNTY HAS, WE'RE  
13 WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND  
14 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO ACHIEVE THAT.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE MONITORING SYSTEMS IN ALL OF  
17 THE BUILDINGS IN TERMS OF WATER? OR HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO  
18 MONITOR IT?

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20 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** WHAT WE HAVE IS WE GET THE MONTHLY BILLS FROM  
21 THE VARIOUS WATER COMPANIES THAT THEY ARE SERVING ALL OUR  
22 BUILDINGS. AND THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO TRY TO RETROFIT AND TRYING  
23 TO DO CERTAIN THINGS TO CONSERVE THAT WATER THAT WE'RE  
24 PROMISING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WERE YOU ALSO  
2   HOLDING THIS?

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF  
5   THIS SUPPLY, WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION ALERT?

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7   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** SUPERVISOR, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO  
8   ALERT THE CITIZENS AND THE CUSTOMERS AND EVERYBODY IN THE  
9   CITIES THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT  
10  ITEM. AND WE WANT TO PUT THE ADDED EMPHASIS THAT CONSERVATION  
11  IS A MUST. AND NEXT YEAR, IF WE DON'T CONSERVE NOW, NEXT YEAR,  
12  IF THE DROUGHT CONTINUES, THE SITUATION IS GOING TO BE MORE  
13  SEVERE. AND BY STARTING NOW, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE BETTER  
14  OFF THAN LATER.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PREVIOUSLY, WE HAD DIRECTED THE STAFF TO  
17  DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE WATER USAGE IN OUTDOOR  
18  LANDSCAPING. HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE THAT ORDINANCE IS  
19  BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD?

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21   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT'S GOING TO THE  
22  ORIGINAL PLANNING COMMISSION AUGUST THE 13TH AS A CONSENT  
23  ITEM. AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS GOING  
24  TO BE COMING TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITHIN THE COUNTY'S SEVEN WATER WORKS  
2   DISTRICTS, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE STEPS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
3   TAKEN?

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5   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** WE HAVE TAKEN MANY STEPS TO CONSERVE WATER.  
6   THE FIRST ONE WAS WE IMPLEMENTED A TIER 8 STRUCTURE TO  
7   ENCOURAGE THE WATER CONSERVATION. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED A REBATE  
8   PROGRAM OF \$150, THAT ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO USE ANY APPLIANCES  
9   OR IF THEY WANT TO USE TURF, SOME TURF THAT WILL CONSERVE THE  
10   WATER, WE HAVE PROMOTED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WE HAVE  
11   FORMED WATER CONSERVATION FORUMS TO AGAIN PROMOTE WATER  
12   CONSERVATION.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ARE THEY HAVING ANY REAL IMPACT?

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16   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** I BELIEVE THE WATER WORKS DISTRICT HAS A  
17   GREAT IMPACT. IT'S BETWEEN 20 AND 30 PERCENT. AND WE'VE WHEN  
18   DOING THIS FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF THE  
19   WATER DISTRICTS, I'M SURE WE HAVE MINIMUM 20 PERCENT WATER  
20   USAGE.

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPOSED BOND PROPOSAL FOR WATER FOR THE  
23   NOVEMBER ELECTION THAT WAS BEING ENDORSED BY SENATOR FEINSTEIN  
24   AND GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AGAIN CONTINUES TO HAVE MORE MONEY  
25   FOR STUDIES AND NOT PUTTING THE DOLLARS IN IMPLEMENTING THE



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1 STUDIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO BRING THE WATER FROM  
2 NORTH TO SOUTH TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS ISSUE. AND IT JUST  
3 SEEMS TO ME WE CONTINUE TO PUT MONEY IN FOR CONSULTANTS WHILE  
4 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REMAINS DRY. AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY,  
5 AS WELL, WHICH AS WE HEARD EARLIER TODAY, 50 PERCENT OF ALL  
6 THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR THE UNITED STATES COME FROM  
7 CALIFORNIA. SO WE HAVE A SEVERE IMPACT ECONOMICALLY ON THE  
8 FOOD DISTRIBUTION, THE FOOD CHAIN FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. AND  
9 THAT EXCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF PRODUCE THAT IS SHIPPED ABROAD.  
10 AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE NOT GETTING THAT SENSE OF  
11 URGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED  
12 IN THE PAST AND PAID FOR, WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO STUDY HOW  
13 TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE?

14

15 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** I HAVE REVIEWED THIS -- I HAVE REVIEWED THE  
16 PROPOSAL. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE PROPOSAL YET BECAUSE IT HAS NOT  
17 BECOME AN INITIATIVE. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS  
18 PARTICULAR INITIATIVE IS NOT GOING TO CONSTRUCT THE PERIPHERAL  
19 CANAL OR ISOLATED FACILITY, AS WE CALL IT. BUT RATHER, WILL  
20 PUT EMPHASIS ON BUILDING FACILITIES AROUND THE DELTA. BECAUSE  
21 IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THE DELTA, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE  
22 TO BRING WATER SUPPLIES DOWN HERE. AND THE DELTA HAS MANY  
23 ISSUES, MANY PROBLEMS, AND VARY FROM WATER QUALITY TO WATER  
24 DEMAND. AND THE EMPHASIS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE WILL BE TO DO  
25 WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STRENGTHEN THE LEVIES IN THE DELTA.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
5 ANTONOVICH, AS AMENDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S  
6 ITEM 17.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD CALL UP ITEM 29.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 29 REFERS TO SETTLEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL  
11 ACCOUNTS FOR PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE AT NON-COUNTY  
12 FACILITIES UNDER THE TRAUMA CENTER SERVICE AGREEMENT. JUST OUT  
13 OF CURIOSITY, IS THIS A FALLOUT FROM M.L.K. CLOSING? OR ARE  
14 THESE TRAUMA AWARDS A RESULT FROM AMBULANCE SERVICE NOT BEING  
15 ALLOWED TO GO TO M.L.K., THAT THESE ARE SERVICE CENTERS THAT  
16 ARE SERVING AS CATCH-ALLS FOR THE PATIENTS THAT DON'T GO  
17 THERE? THANK YOU FOR YOUR --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS A REGULAR KIND OF EFFORT THAT WE MAKE IN  
20 ORDER TO GET PEOPLE TO AT LEAST PAY THEIR BILLS AT OUR  
21 FACILITIES. AND SO IT'S A COMPROMISE THAT WE HAVE.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MISS MOLINA.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
2   YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
3   CALL ANY OF THE OTHERS?

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT, MR. SACHS, IF YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF  
6   OTHER ITEMS, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD CALL THEM AT THE SAME TIME.  
7   37 AND 52?

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 37.

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11   **ARNOLD SACHS:** 37? JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, LAST WEEK THERE WAS  
12   AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA REGARDING A VENDING CONTRACT THAT WENT  
13   OUT THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT. AND SO  
14   THAT BEING THE CASE, OR IN HINDSIGHT, WHY WOULD THIS VENDING  
15   CONTRACT NOT BE HELD? OR WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT REGARDING  
16   THIS VENDING CONTRACT THAT WAS NOT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
17   PREVIOUS VENDING CONTRACT? AND ARE THE STANDARDS BEING UPHELD  
18   FOR BOTH OF THEM? IT SEEMS THAT THIS ONE, NO CONCERNS; LAST  
19   ONE, THE CONTRACTOR WAS ACCUSED OF OVERBILLING OVER LIKE A  
20   MILLION DOLLARS? QUITE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND IT WAS  
21   BROUGHT TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION THAT THEY SHOULDN'T -- IT'S  
22   SURPRISING THAT THEY WERE STILL ALLOWED TO BID FOR COUNTY  
23   BUSINESS. AND HERE YOU HAVE A VENDING CONTRACT THAT'S GOING  
24   OUT. SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW. SAME STANDARDS, SAME  
25   PROBLEMS, DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
3 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THAT'S ON 37.  
4 ON 52 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY -- 52.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** -- HOLDING THIS ITEM.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 52 NOW?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON 52  
13 FIRST?

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CAN WE HEAR FROM THE SUPERVISOR, PLEASE, FIRST?  
16 AND I BELIEVE THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THERE'S SOME OTHER PEOPLE.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DO HAVE A CARD IN ON ANOTHER ONE, ON 68 AND 1-  
21 A. AND?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE HOLDING THOSE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE FOR HEARING.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THOSE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S NOT GOING TO TALK? THE PROPOSAL BEFORE  
7 US TODAY IS TO SUPPORT THE SALES TAX PROPOSAL THAT'S BEING  
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY. I HAVE  
9 RESERVATIONS ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT TREAT THE ENTIRE  
10 COUNTY EQUITABLY IN GIVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING BASED  
11 UPON THE POPULATION. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE, ONCE  
12 AGAIN, REGIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BE IT NORTH  
13 COUNTY, SOUTH BAY, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE MID CITY AREAS, THE  
14 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HAVE A GREATER POPULATION, A GREATER  
15 POPULATION BUT WILL BE RECEIVING LESS SALES TAX REVENUES FOR  
16 THEIR NEEDED TRANSPORTATION PROPOSALS. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE,  
17 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHILE 14 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION  
18 WOULD ONLY RECEIVE ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING IN THIS 30-  
19 YEAR TAX, THE WEST SIDE CITIES, WHILE THEY HAVE TWO PERCENT OF  
20 THE POPULATION WOULD BE RECEIVING 9 PERCENT OF THOSE SALES TAX  
21 REVENUES. THE GATEWAY CITIES WOULD BE 19 PERCENT OF THE  
22 POPULATION, YET RECEIVING ABOUT 17 PERCENT. SAN GABRIEL, 19  
23 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION BUT A LITTLE OVER 16 PERCENT OF THE  
24 REVENUES. SOUTH BAY, NORTH COUNTY IS 7 PERCENT OF THE  
25 POPULATION BUT ONLY RECEIVING ABOUT 5.3 PERCENT OF THOSE



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1 REVENUES. SO YOU'RE ASKING PEOPLE, ONCE AGAIN, WHO HAVE  
2 CONGESTED NEEDS, CONGESTED HIGHWAYS AND NEED FOR PUBLIC  
3 TRANSPORTATION TO ONCE AGAIN SUBSIDIZE A PROJECT OUTSIDE OF  
4 THEIR JURISDICTION THAT WILL NOT RELIEVE THEIR COMMUNITIES OF  
5 THE TRANSIT NEEDS BUT WILL ADD AND ENHANCE ADDITIONAL  
6 CONGESTION IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. M.T.A. DID NOT ENGAGE THE  
7 SUBREGIONS AND DESIGN A COUNTY-WIDE PLAN THAT HAD A BUY-IN  
8 FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. ONCE AGAIN, THIS WAS A PROPOSAL  
9 COMING FROM THE TOP DOWN. AND IT DID NOT COME FROM THE BOTTOM  
10 UP. THEY DELIBERATELY IGNORED THE SUBREGIONS' INPUT. THE  
11 M.T.A. DECIDED TO TAKE LOS ANGELES CITIES' LIST OF PROJECTS  
12 AND THEN THROW A FEW OTHER PROJECTS COUNTY-WIDE TO CREATE WHAT  
13 LOOKED LIKE A REGIONAL PLAN INSTEAD OF GOING DIRECTLY TO THE  
14 SUBREGIONS AND WORK DIRECTLY WITH THEM ON THE PERCENTAGE OF  
15 FUNDINGS FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT WERE REQUIRED AND NEEDED.  
16 M.T.A. WAS MORE FOCUSED ON THE TIMING OF THE BALLOT DURING A  
17 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAN ON THE CONTENT OF THE SALES TAX  
18 MEASURE. IT IS A FAILURE ON M.T.A.'S PART TO PUT TOGETHER A  
19 SALES TAX PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WHEN  
20 THE MEASURE IS DEFEATED IN NOVEMBER, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE  
21 M.T.A. GO BACK TO THE SUBREGIONS AND WORK OUT A FAIR DEAL THAT  
22 RESPECTS CURRENT AND FUTURE POPULATIONS, PROVIDES UNALTERABLE  
23 FUNDING EQUITY, PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY IN PROJECT SELECTION,  
24 PROVIDES FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING LEVERAGED FROM THE SALES  
25 TAX IN AN EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENT. AGAIN, WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS



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1 A SITUATION WHERE THERE IS NO POPULATION ESCALATION CLAUSE. SO  
2 WHILE THE NORTH COUNTY IS GOING TO DOUBLE IN POPULATION IN THE  
3 NEXT 10 TO 20 YEARS, THERE IS NO ESCALATION CLAUSE. AND THE  
4 SAME CAN BE SAID FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AS WELL AS THE  
5 CONTINUED POPULATION GROWTH IN THE MID CITIES AND THE SAN  
6 FERNANDO VALLEY. SO IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THE BEST INTEREST OF  
7 THE TAXPAYERS, IT WOULD BE TO HAVE THIS PROPOSAL VOTED DOWN IN  
8 NOVEMBER AND GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND ENGAGE THE  
9 COMMUNITY AND THE SUBREGIONS IN DEVELOPING A FAIR PROPOSAL  
10 THAT WILL MEET THE TRANSIT NEEDS AND NOT FEED THE APPETITES OF  
11 THOSE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE SOME PORK BARREL PROJECTS  
12 THAT ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND WILL TAKE TIME TO BUILD. THERE WAS  
13 AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A CONNECTER ON THE 405  
14 ABOUT A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. THIS IDEA, THIS CONCEPT WAS  
15 NEVER EVEN DISCUSSED, JUST CAME OUT OF THE BLUE. AND VERY  
16 LIKELY THAT MONEY IS GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE  
17 SUBWAY TO THE SEA. AND AGAIN IT'S THE DOLLARS, THE SAN  
18 FERNANDO VALLEY ONCE AGAIN THAT'S GOING TO BE LEFT WITH THE  
19 TRANSIT PROGRAMS THAT THEY NEED ALONG WITH THE OTHER PARTS OF  
20 THE COUNTY, NORTH COUNTY ESPECIALLY. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT  
21 ENHANCING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR SANTA CLARITA OR THE  
22 ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND THAT IS NECESSARY IF WE'RE GOING TO  
23 ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION ON THE 5 AND THE 14 ALONG WITH THE  
24 CONGESTION THAT WE HAVE ON THE 10, THE 5 CONGESTION THAT WE  
25 HAVE ON THE 60, THE 605. AND AGAIN WE NEED TO HAVE A



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1 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. SO I'M GOING TO VOTE AGAINST PLACING  
2 THIS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. AND IF IT IS PLACED ON THE  
3 NOVEMBER BALLOT, I URGE A NO VOTE SO THAT WE CAN GO BACK AND  
4 GET A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT EVERYBODY IS PAYING  
5 INTO TO MEET THEIR LOCAL NEEDS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HAVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. SUN  
8 YOUNG YANG, ESPERANZA MARTINEZ, DAMIEN GOODMAN, AND ARNOLD  
9 SACHS, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, COULD I ASK COUNTY COUNSEL A  
12 QUESTION AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT? YEAH, AND THE REGISTRAR. IF  
13 THE REGISTRAR COULD JOIN US, AS WELL?

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS SOON AS WE TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS SOON AS WE TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, WE'LL  
20 ASK THE REGISTRAR.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL WAIT TO ASK MY QUESTION.  
23 DEAN, JUST WAIT AND THEN I'LL ASK THE REGISTRAR AS WELL AS  
24 COUNTY COUNSEL I HAVE VERY SPECIFIC QUESTION.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

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3    **ESPERANZA MARTINEZ:** MY NAME IS ESPERANZA MARTINEZ, AND I AM  
4    WITH THE BUS RIDERS' UNION. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT THE  
5    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REJECT THE M.T.A.'S PROPOSAL TO PLACE THE  
6    HALF CENT SALES TAX ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. LET US BE VERY  
7    CLEAR: WE WILL NOT TAX OUR WAY OUT OF TRAFFIC. WE WILL NOT TAX  
8    OUR WAY OUT OF GLOBAL WARMING. WE WILL NOT TAX OUR WAY OUT OF  
9    A BUDGET CRISIS WITHOUT HARMING THE MOST VULNERABLE  
10    COMMUNITIES. BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO TAX THE BACKBONE OF OUR  
11    TRANSIT SYSTEM INTO THE GROUND. SO I'M ASKING YOU ALL TO LOOK  
12    CLEARLY AT WHAT THE CURRENT PROPOSALS OF TAXATION ARE.  
13    M.T.A.'S HALF CENT SALES TAX IN L.A. COUNTY TO FUND PET  
14    PROJECTS THAT WILL RESULT IN THE STARVING OF THE BUS SYSTEM.  
15    THE CITY MOVING TOWARDS FULL FUNDING RECOVERY AND FORCING  
16    RESIDENTS TO PAY TRASH HIKEs, PARKING HIKEs FOR AN OVERALL  
17    SERVICE REDUCTION AND TODAY THE GOVERNOR IS CALLING FOR AN  
18    IMMEDIATE ONE CENT SALES TAX INCREASE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.  
19    SO WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT 9.75 PERCENT TAXATION. BUDGET  
20    DEFICITS DON'T FALL FROM THE SKY. THEY ARE A RESULT OF  
21    DELIBERATE CHOICES BEING MADE TO FUND THE WAR, TO FUND THE  
22    PRISON POLICE STATE AS WELL AS FUNDING A RAIL AND HIGHWAY  
23    BOONDOGGLE PROJECT. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THERE IS NO WAY YOU  
24    CAN MOVE FORWARD ON A PLAN TO TAX COUNTY RESIDENTS AS  
25    LEGISLATURES ARE DISCUSSING THE MANY INGREDIENTS THAT WILL GO





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1 INTO THIS BOONDOGGLE PIE. ALTERATIONS ARE STILL BEING MADE TO  
2 THE EXPENDITURE PLAN. WHAT IS NEEDED IS AN OVERALL SHIFT IN  
3 THE M.T.A.'S SPENDING PRIORITIES TOWARDS A NEW VISION FOR  
4 URBAN TRANSPORTATION, ONE THAT SUPPORTS THE MOBILITY OF THE  
5 TRANSIT-DEPENDENT WHILE ENCOURAGING SINGLE PASSENGER AUTO  
6 DRIVERS OUT OF THEIR CARS IN ORDER TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS  
7 EMISSIONS. NOT ONE THAT MAKES WAY FOR GENTRIFICATION BY  
8 FATTENING THE POCKETS OF DEVELOPERS AND CONTRACTORS. THANK  
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUN YOUNG YANG?

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13 **SUN YOUNG YANG:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUN YOUNG YANG, WITH THE BUS RIDERS'  
15 UNION. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO REJECT THE M.T.A.'S  
16 M.T.A.'S HALF CENT SALES TAX MEASURE. WHAT M.T.A. NEEDS IS NOT  
17 ANOTHER SALES TAX BUT CUTTING OF ALL COSTLY RAIL AND HIGHWAY  
18 PROJECTS. THIS SALES TAX WOULD ONLY AGGRAVATE RACIAL  
19 DISCRIMINATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, AS IT PROMISES  
20 EVERY COMPETING ELECTORAL INTEREST IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY A  
21 MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR RAIL AND HIGHWAY PROJECT. THAT AMOUNT WAY  
22 ABOVE WHAT THIS TAX GENERATES. THIS TAX IS SCHEDULED TO  
23 GENERATE 40 BILLION FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS. AND THE PROJECTS  
24 OUTLINED COST ABOUT \$60 BILLION. AND REALISTICALLY SPEAKING,  
25 AS WE KNOW, THE HISTORY OF M.T.A. AND CONSTRUCTION AND COST



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1    OVERRUNS IN GENERAL, WE KNOW THAT THAT AMOUNT IS WAY  
2    UNDERESTIMATED AND IS MORE CLOSE TO \$80 BILLION. SO WHERE ARE  
3    YOU GOING TO GENERATE ANOTHER \$40 BILLION WHILE YOU'RE  
4    PROMISING VARIOUS COMPETING INTERESTS, ALL THE PROJECTS THAT  
5    THEY WANT? AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE KNOW THIS IS A FORMULA  
6    FOR FISCAL MISMANAGEMENT AND REPETITION OF THE EARLY '90S  
7    HISTORY, WHERE THE RAIDING OF BUSSES WAS THE GENERAL PRACTICE  
8    OF M.T.A., AND I KNOW ALL OF YOU WERE THERE AT THE TIME. AND  
9    AT THE END OF THE DAY, BLACK LATINO A.P.I, WORKING CLASS  
10    PEOPLE, THE POOREST OF THE POOR, TRANSIT-DEPENDENT POPULATION  
11    OF L.A. COUNTY WILL BE THE ONES FOOTING THE BILL WITH PUNITIVE  
12    FARE INCREASES AND SERVICE CUTS. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS AS BUS  
13    RIDERS WHAT THE SALES TAX WILL GENERATE. EVEN THE SMALL AMOUNT  
14    SET ASIDE FOR BUS OPERATION IS COMPLETELY RAIDABLE WHEN RAIL  
15    PROJECTS RUN OUT OF MONEY, WHICH IS AN INEVITABLE FORMULA  
16    THAT'S WRITTEN BOTH INTO THE BILL AND TO THE HALF CENT SALES  
17    TAX. WHILE VERBAL PROMISES FOR 150 BUSES IN THE NEXT 25 YEARS  
18    DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO ACHIEVING A FIRST CLASS BUS TRANSIT  
19    SYSTEM. THIS PARALLELS THE WRITTEN LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED 20  
20    PERCENT FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY EXPANSION WHICH WE KNOW WILL ONLY  
21    EXACERBATE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF THIS REGION. THE FACT IS,  
22    TRYING TO RELIEVE CONGESTION BY BUILDING MORE FREEWAYS IS LIKE  
23    TRYING TO FIX OBESITY BY LOOSENING YOUR BELT. WE KNOW IT'S A  
24    FAILED FORMULA. WHY ARE WE TRYING TO INVEST ANOTHER 20 PERCENT  
25    OF THE \$40 BILLION INTO BUILDING MORE FREEWAYS? AND THE OTHER



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1   THING, IS AFTER OVER 15 YEARS OF INVESTING OVER \$10 BILLION TO  
2   THE LITTLE RAIL EXPANSION THAT WE HAVE TODAY, IT HASN'T --  
3   NONE OF THOSE PROJECTS HAS FULFILLED THE PROMISE OF DECREASING  
4   CONGESTION OR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND TOXIC  
5   EMISSIONS THAT AFFECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF L.A. COUNTY  
6   RESIDENTS. SO WE KNOW IT'S A FAILED PROJECT. WE NEED A NEW  
7   VISION. AND THAT VISION STARTS FOR BUS CENTER TRANSPORTATION  
8   SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DAMIEN GOODMAN FOLLOWED BY  
11   ARNOLD SACHS.

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13   **DAMIEN:** DAMIEN GOODMAN THE 18 SOUTH OF THE LAKE COMMUNITY  
14   GROUPS THAT IS THE FIX EXPO CAMPAIGN. AND MUCH DISCUSSION WILL  
15   BE ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PAST. IN 1998,  
16   LED BY THEIR POLITICIAN ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, THE WEST SIDE  
17   SPEARHEADED THE DEATH OF THE RED LINE SUBWAY EXTENSION TO THE  
18   SEA, AND IN THE PROCESS, TOOK AWAY EAST L.A.'S SUBWAY, FORCING  
19   THEM TO ACCEPT THE PRIMARILY STREET-LEVEL LIGHT RAIL LINE AND  
20   ALL THE SAFETY HAZARDS AND ADVERSE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.  
21   AFTER THE '98 SUBWAY BAN, DISCUSSION OF AN ELEVATED WILSHIRE  
22   LINE ENDED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY DUE TO THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR'S  
23   COMMUNITY OPPOSITION TO THE ESTHETIC AND THE NOISE IMPACTS.  
24   THUS, AS A REPLACEMENT, THE EXPO LINE TO RUN AT GRADE THROUGH  
25   THE SOUTH OF LAKE COMMUNITIES AT 35 MILES PER HOUR PAST FOSHAY



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1 LEARNING CENTER AND 55 MILES PER HOUR PAST DORSEY WAS ERECTED.  
2 IN JANUARY OF 2008, JUST THIS YEAR, AFTER DECADES OF REQUEST  
3 THE SOUTH LAKE COMMUNITY CONCERNS AT DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL WERE  
4 HEARD AND COUNCIL MEMBER HERB WESSON INTRODUCED A MOTION TO  
5 THE EXPO LINE BOARD, THAT ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR BURKE  
6 BOTH SIT UPON, THAT WOULD HAVE REMOVED THE AT GRADE P.U.C.  
7 APPLICATION AT FARMDALE AND REPLACED IT WITH A GRADE SEPARATED  
8 OPTION, EITHER A STREET CLOSURE OR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, A TRAIN  
9 OVERCROSSING OR A TRAIN UNDERCROSSING. AFTER A CLOSED DOOR  
10 SESSION, THAT MEASURE WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH. AND  
11 THE ONLY THING THAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THAT MEETING AND THE NEXT  
12 WAS ANOTHER COLLECTION OF WEST SIDE INTEREST GROUPS COMING  
13 TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THEIR REAL PRIORITIES, THE SUBWAY TO THE  
14 SEA AND EXPO. IN THE JANUARY 14TH CITY BEAT L.A. ARTICLE WHERE  
15 THEIR STAR SPEAKER AT THIS MEETING WAS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, HE  
16 SAID, QUOTE, REFERENCING THE FARMDALE INTERSECTION, "THERE'S A  
17 CONTROVERSY THAT HAS ERUPTED ON ONE INTERSECTION ON THE LINE  
18 THAT THREATENS THE WHOLE LINE." HOW HE'S NEVER EXPLAINED. HE  
19 THEN WENT ON AND TO TELL THIS WEST SIDE COALITION, THAT IF  
20 THIS COALITION HAS ANY VALUE, ITS PRINCIPLE IS TO GIVE THE  
21 ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO ARE THE ULTIMATE DECISION MAKERS IN  
22 THIS, THE COVER THE, BACKBONE, THE SAFETY NET. THUS YOUR AT  
23 GRADE APPLICATION GOES BEFORE THE P.U.C. NEXT WEEK. IT WAS NO  
24 SURPRISE THAT AFTER THIS MEETING AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING  
25 WHERE THAT DECISION TO GRADE SEPARATE FARMDALE WAS DEFERRED



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1 AND ELIMINATED THAT THESE PEOPLE, WHO PROBABLY NEVER HAD  
2 TRAVELED EAST OF LOS CIENEGA WITH THEIR CAR WINDOWS DOWN, CAME  
3 AND SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CHANGE AT THE FARMDALE  
4 APPLICATION, AT THE FARMDALE CROSSING BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE  
5 DELAYED THE OPENING OF A LINE, DELAYED THE OPENING OF A 100-  
6 YEAR PROJECT BY A MATTER OF MONTHS. SO NOW, AFTER WEST SIDE  
7 POLITICIANS AND MISTAKES HAVE FORCED EAST L.A. TO ACCEPT THE  
8 STREET LEVEL LINE, IT'S FORCED SOUTH L.A. TO ACCEPT THE STREET  
9 LEVEL LINE 15 FEET FROM DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE 700 KIDS  
10 WALK ACROSS IN THE SPAN OF 15 MINUTES, YOUR COMMUNITY, THE  
11 WEST SIDE COMMUNITIES OF MIRACLE MILE, HANCOCK PARK, BEVERLY  
12 HILLS, AND CENTURY CITY, ARE DEMANDING A SUBWAY. SOME PEOPLE  
13 CALL THAT ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM,  
14 INSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION. I'M GOING TO BE VOTING NO AND  
15 I'M ENCOURAGING ANYONE WHO DARES TELL ME THAT WE NEED TO  
16 ACCEPT AN AT GRADE CROSSING AT FARMDALE AND AT WESTERN, WHERE  
17 FOSHAY IS, TO PAY FOR A SUBWAY TO THE SEA TO VOTE NO, AS WELL.  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
21 ARNOLD SACHS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO GET THIS  
22 HALF CENT SALES TAX ON THE BALLOT. THIS IS THE THIRD LONG-  
23 RANGE PLAN THAT YOU'RE DISCUSSING, THE LONG-RANGE PLAN OF  
24 1980, THE LONG-RANGE PLAN OF 2001. THANK GOD IT WAS AROUND SO  
25 THAT YOU COULD AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THE FUNDING FOR THE H.O.T.



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1 LANES. AND NOW THE 2008 PLAN. THE SERIOUS PROBLEM HERE IS THAT  
2 NOT ONE PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN STARTED UNDER YOUR TENURE AS  
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS GONE TO COMPLETION. THE BLUE  
4 LINE, NOT COMPLETED. THE RED LINE, NOT COMPLETED. THE ORANGE  
5 LINE, NOT COMPLETED. THE GOLD LINE, NOT COMPLETED. CAR POOL  
6 LANES, NOT COMPLETED. THE ONLY THING THAT WAS COMPLETED  
7 ACCORDING TO THIS LIST THAT ARE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE LAST  
8 SEVEN YEARS SINCE THE 2001 PLAN WAS THE EASY TRANSIT PASS  
9 PROGRAM THAT WAS STARTED IN 2002. WHOOP DEEDOO. BIG DEAL. HOW  
10 MUCH FUNDING DID THAT TAKE? THE METRO GOLD LINE OPENED IN 2003  
11 FROM THE 1980 PLAN. THE BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOLD  
12 LINE EAST SIDE EXTENSION FROM THE 1980 PLAN. THE BEGINNING  
13 CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPO LIGHT RAIL LINE IN 2006 FROM THE 1980  
14 PLAN. INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT A LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR 2008 OR  
15 2009, HOW ABOUT FINISHING UP THE LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR 2001? WE  
16 HEARD FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT THE FUNDING FOR THE  
17 PROGRAMS OR THE PROGRAMS WERE MADE UP FROM THE TOP M.T.A. TOP  
18 WORKING THEIR WAY DOWN. WHAT IS THE M.T.A. TOP? THAT WOULD BE  
19 THE BOARD OF -- I'M ASSUMING THAT WOULD BE THE COUNTY BOARD  
20 THAT MEETS AT M.T.A. AND DON'T THE FIVE OF YOU SIT ON THAT  
21 BOARD? SO HOW MUCH ABOVE THE FIVE OF YOU COULD THE CALL FOR  
22 PROJECTS BE? WHERE IS THAT? IS THAT YOUR HANDLERS THAT KEEP  
23 YOU IN OFFICE ALL THE TIME? ARE THOSE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
24 REALLY RUNNING THE COUNTY? THE CALL FOR PROJECTS, RUNNING DOWN  
25 THE RED LINE. WHEN THE MAYOR OPENED UP HIS LAST MEETING, HE





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1 CALLED FOR \$4 BILLION TO COMPLETE THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA. THE  
2 L.A. TIMES ENDS UP WRITING A STORY ABOUT HOW THE \$4 BILLION  
3 WILL GET YOU TO WESTWOOD. WHERE DOES THAT INFORMATION COME  
4 FROM? THERE IS NO CONTINUATION HERE. IT'S ANALYSIS BY  
5 PARALYSIS. IT'S DIVIDE AND CONQUER. WE HEARD AT THE MEETING  
6 ABOUT POPULATIONS. WELL THE POPULATIONS MOVE. SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED THAT THE CITIES GROW BY THIS COMMUTE.  
8 AND THAT WOULD BE THE CASE IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY WOULD BE  
9 THE LARGEST BY PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN POPULATION. THERE'S ONLY  
10 LIKE 100 PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE. THEN THE POPULATION TURNS  
11 INTO LIKE 1,000. SO SHOULD THEY GET A SUBWAY? SHOULD THEY GET  
12 A RAPID BUS LINE? SHOULD THEY GET CAR POOL LANES? SHOULD THEY  
13 GET A HOT LANE? SHOULD THEY GET ALL THIS STUFF BASED ON A  
14 PERCENTAGE? IF SOME PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN THIS THIS COUNTY  
15 FROM START TO FINISH, IT WOULD BE THE SECOND MIRACLE. THANK  
16 YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL A QUESTION AND ASK  
23 OUR REGISTRAR RECORDER DEAN LOGAN TO COME FORWARD, AS WELL. I  
24 WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE M.T.A. MEETING DUE TO A VERY  
25 CELEBRATORY DEAL, THE BIRTH OF MY FIRST GRANDSON. AND I WAS



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1 NOT ABLE TO ARTICULATE MY OPPOSITION TO THE SALES TAX, PRETTY  
2 MUCH WHAT SOME OF THE OTHER SUPERVISORS' OPPOSITION IS. BUT I  
3 ALSO THINK IT'S THE WRONG TIME WITH THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY  
4 TO BE ASKING OUR POPULACE TO ADD ON ADDITIONAL SALES TAX. AND  
5 NOW THIS MORNING THE GOVERNOR'S TALKING ABOUT ADDITIONAL SALES  
6 TAX. AND NOT ONLY THE IMPACT ON OUR CONSTITUENTS BUT THE  
7 IMPACT ON BUSINESS AND JUST DRIVING BUSINESSES OUT OF  
8 CALIFORNIA. A CONCERN IS THIS, ONE IS I'D LIKE TO KNOW FROM A  
9 LEGAL STANDPOINT AND THEN I WILL ASK THE REGISTRAR RECORDER  
10 ABOUT COSTS. BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT A NO VOTE HERE  
11 TODAY, SAY IT DOES NOT PASS, TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. IT IS  
12 REALLY JUST A SYMBOLIC VOTE, BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO  
13 WAY LEGALLY WE CAN PREVENT THIS ITEM BECAUSE IT WAS REQUESTED  
14 BY THE M.T.A. BOARD ON A 9-VOTE MAJORITY TO GO ON THE BALLOT.  
15 AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE  
16 CONSOLIDATED WITH OUR REGULAR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BUT WOULD  
17 FORCE THE REGISTRAR RECORDER TO HAVE A DIFFERENT BALLOT, A  
18 DIFFERENT VOTERS' GUIDE AND EVERYTHING ELSE, WHICH WOULD BE  
19 VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE AND OF COURSE ULTIMATELY THAT PERSON  
20 PAYING FOR THAT IS OUR TAXPAYER. AND SO, ONE, IS THAT TRUE?  
21 THAT WE CANNOT -- A NO VOTE HERE IS SYMBOLIC. IT DOES NOT  
22 PREVENT IT FROM GOING ON THE BALLOT? SPEAKER: MADAME CHAIR,  
23 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOU GRANDSON. YES,  
24 THAT IS ABSOLUTELY THE WAY STATE LAW OPERATES. THE  
25 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CALLED THE ELECTION



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1 PURSUANT TO STATE LAW FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DATE.  
2 WHEN THAT OCCURS, OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTIONS CODE  
3 REQUIRE THAT THAT ELECTION BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE COUNTY'S  
4 ELECTIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE FOR THAT DATE. AND THE BOARD DOES  
5 HAVE LIMITED DISCRETION TO REFUSE TO CONSOLIDATE. AND THAT IS  
6 WHERE IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE BALANCE STYLE VOTING  
7 EQUIPMENT OR COMPUTER CAPACITY IS SUCH THAT THE ADDITIONAL  
8 ELECTION CANNOT BE HANDLED, THAT IS THE ONLY BASIS UPON WHICH  
9 THE BOARD CAN DENY A REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION, OTHERWISE THE  
10 MEASURE WILL ULTIMATELY -- WOULD ULTIMATELY BE CONSOLIDATED  
11 WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION. SO THEN FAST FORWARD, MR. LOGAN.  
12 THE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ALLOWING THIS VOTE TO GO FORWARD  
13 AS A CONSOLIDATED MEASURE AND LETTING THE TAXPAYERS, I MEAN  
14 THE VOTERS DECIDE OR IS THE COST OF HAVING A SEPARATE BALLOT,  
15 SEPARATE SAMPLE BALLOT, SEPARATE, ALL ELECTION MATERIALS AND  
16 EVERYTHING ELSE.

17  
18 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR, OUR ESTIMATE OF THE COST TO THE M.T.A.  
19 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION, IF IT IS CONSOLIDATED ONTO THE  
20 NOVEMBER 4TH COUNTY ELECTION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 7.2  
21 MILLION. THE IMPACT OF RUNNING IT AS A SEPARATE CONCURRENT  
22 ELECTION WOULD RAISE THOSE COSTS FOR THE M.T.A. I DON'T HAVE  
23 AN EXACT ESTIMATE ON THAT BALLPARK. AND THIS IS A VERY, VERY  
24 ROUGH BALLPARK AT THIS POINT, I WOULD SAY IS SOMEWHERE IN THE  
25 RANGE OF 9 TO \$10 MILLION TO DO THAT SEPARATELY AS YOU



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1 ARTICULATED. IT'S PRINTING SEPARATE BALLOTS. IT'S DOING A  
2 SEPARATE MAILING TO VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS. IT'S DOING A SEPARATE  
3 MAILING AND PRINTING OF THE SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THAT MEASURE, AS  
4 WELL. THE ADDITIONAL IMPACT OF THAT IS THE COST TO L.A. COUNTY  
5 AND TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS THAT HAVE MEASURES ON THE GENERAL  
6 ELECTION BALLOT ON THE CONSOLIDATED BALLOT WOULD ALSO BE  
7 IMPACTED BY THAT BECAUSE THEIR PRORATED SHARE WOULD BE  
8 IMPACTED BY NOT HAVING THE M.T.A. ON THE CONSOLIDATED BALLOT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL COSTS IN ADDITION TO  
11 IF M.T.A. VOTE BECAUSE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PRORATE THAT.

12

13 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST DO NOT SUPPORT THE MEASURE. I WOULD HAVE  
16 VOTED NO AT THE M.T.A. HAD I BEEN THERE. IT STILL WOULD HAVE  
17 PASSED TO GO FORWARD. BUT ALSO, AS I FEEL SO STRONGLY IT IS  
18 THE WRONG TIME TO ASK THE VOTERS TO TAX THEMSELVES AGAIN AT  
19 THIS PARTICULAR POINT, I THINK IT'S WRONG FOR US TO ALSO ASK  
20 THE TAXPAYERS TO PICK UP ADDITIONAL COSTS ON WHAT WOULD BE A  
21 VERY SYMBOLIC VOTE. I AM NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE SALES TAX  
22 MEASURE. ON OR OFF THE BALLOT. I THINK IT'S THE WRONG TIME. I  
23 THINK THERE'S AN ISSUE OF EQUITY. BUT I ALSO DON'T THINK THAT  
24 WE SHOULD ASK THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY TO PICK UP SEVERAL  
25 MILLION MORE DOLLARS IN COSTS BECAUSE OF A SYMBOLIC VOTE OF



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1 NO. THERE'S OTHER WAYS FOR US TO OPPOSE THIS, THOSE OF US THAT  
2 DO OPPOSE THE SALES TAX MEASURE. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THE  
3 BALLOT, AND NOT ALLOWING THE TAXPAYERS THEMSELVES. NOT TO PICK  
4 UP THE ADDITIONAL COSTS BUT TO LET THE VOTERS DECIDE WHETHER  
5 OR NOT THIS IS A GOOD OR BAD IDEA THAT WE SHOULD ASK THE  
6 TAXPAYERS TO PICK UP AN ADDITIONAL 3, 4, \$5 MILLION. SO THAT  
7 WAS MY QUESTION AND MY CONCERN.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE M.T.A., IF BOARD  
10 DID NOT SUPPORT PLACING THIS ON THE BALLOT WOULD HAVE THAT  
11 OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO SEE WHAT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE  
12 TAXPAYERS AND THEN GO BACK AND REDRAW A PROPOSAL THAT HAS AN  
13 OPPORTUNITY OF BEING ENACTED AND BEING PASSED AND THEY WOULD  
14 BE DOING THE TAXPAYERS A GREAT DEAL OF PROVIDING SOME  
15 LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION AND CONSIDERING THE IMPACT THAT THIS  
16 WOULD HAVE ON THEIR COMMUNITIES. IT'S LIKE IN A TOTALITARIAN  
17 COUNTRY WHERE THEY SAY, "WELL, I WAS JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS."  
18 WELL, SOMEBODY HAS TO STAND UP AND SAY, "THIS IS NONSENSE."  
19 AND PERHAPS THIS REJECTION TODAY WOULD ALLOW THE M.T.A. TO RE-  
20 EVALUATE WHAT THEY ARE ASKING TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND  
21 PLACE ONE THAT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY OF BEING SUCCESSFUL INSTEAD  
22 OF WASTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND NOT ACHIEVING THE TWO-  
23 THIRDS VOTE BY BASICALLY WRITING OFF A 90 PERCENT OF THE  
24 COUNTY'S TRANSIT NEEDS.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** TOTALLY AGREE, MIKE. BUT YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO WHAT  
2   THE ATTORNEY SAID. WE HAVE NO ABILITY, NO RIGHT TO DO THAT.  
3   WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE TAXPAYERS TO PICK UP AN ADDITIONAL 3 TO  
4   \$5 MILLION IN COSTS.

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR ATTORNEYS ARE GIVING YOU A SUGGESTION.  
7   BUT AS YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THEY HAVE NOT BEEN 100 PERCENT  
8   ACCURATE ON A NUMBER OF CASES. AND THE COURTS WILL MAKE THAT  
9   DETERMINATION. AND I WOULD RATHER HAVE A TRANSIT PROPOSAL WITH  
10  THE M.T.A. GOING BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND GETTING ONE  
11  THAT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN ALL SUPPORT AND GETTING  
12  REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION THAT THIS COUNTY NEEDS INSTEAD OF  
13  GIVING THEM A MAKE BELIEVE PROCESS THAT THEY BELIEVE IS GOING  
14  TO SOLVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND IT'S NOT.

15

16  **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT DO THE COURTS MEAN? DOES SOMEBODY HAVE TO SUE  
17  TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT, THAT THE  
18  COURTS WOULD DECIDE? YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT WE JUST DON'T HAVE  
19  -- THIS IS A SYMBOLIC NO VOTE. WHAT IS HE REFERRING TO BY  
20  GOING TO COURT?

21

22  **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION NOT TO  
23  CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION WOULD, BY STATUTE, THE STATUTE SEEMS  
24  TO AFFIRMATIVELY SAY THE ELECTION SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED. THE  
25  PRACTICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR THE REQUEST TO COME TO THE BOARD



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1 AND BE APPROVED HERE OR DENIED, WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE, IN MY  
2 MEMORY, HAS OCCURRED. WITH THAT, AND IF THE REGISTRAR DID NOT  
3 PROCEED TO ACT IN AN ADMINISTERIAL FASHION TO CONSOLIDATE,  
4 THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE IT TO COURT, AND AT THAT POINT,  
5 THE THE COURT WOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A BASIS  
6 FOR THE BOARD TO REFUSE TO ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR THEY COULD DECIDE--

9

10 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** BUT THE ELECTION ITSELF WOULD PROCEED.  
11 IT WOULD JUST BE CONCURRENT RATHER THAN CONSOLIDATED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN IN OTHER WORDS, THE ELECTION, I'M  
14 TRYING TO ADDRESS MR. ANTONOVICH'S ISSUE OF SAYING LET'S GO  
15 BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THAT. BUT  
16 WHETHER THE COURT DECIDES IN OUR FAVOR OR AGAINST US, THE  
17 ELECTION IS GOING TO GO FORWARD, WHETHER IT'S CONSOLIDATED OR  
18 WHETHER IT'S INDEPENDENT. WE ARE NOT GOING, THERE IS NOTHING  
19 THERE TO STOP THE ELECTION BY STATUTE AND BY LAW. IS THAT  
20 CORRECT?

21

22 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE L.A. CITY ALWAYS HAS BLOCK VOTING. THEY  
25 WILL NOT ALLOW THEIR VOTERS TO VOTE CONCSIENCE. IF THE L.A.





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1 CITY WOULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY AS  
2 A WHOLE, THEY WOULD HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO THE  
3 DRAWING BOARD AND AGAIN, HAVING A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD MEET  
4 EVERYBODY'S TRANSIT NEEDS AND WE COULD ALL SUPPORT, PERIOD.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE. BUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? I MEAN, WE  
7 CAN'T STOP THE VOTE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE COULD HAVE M.T.A. RECONSIDER THEIR  
10 PROPOSAL.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
13 SECONDED BY BURKE. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ABSTAIN.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE MEASURE DOES NOT PASS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME JUST, MADAME CHAIR, CAN I ASK A  
11 QUESTION NOW? HEY DEAN? WHERE DID DEAN GO? I WANT TO BE SURE  
12 THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS, ESPECIALLY THE M.T.A., WHAT THEY  
13 NEED TO DO AT THIS POINT. SO AT THIS POINT, WHAT'S THE NEXT  
14 STEP FOR THE M.T.A., WHICH VOTED TO PLACE THIS ON THE BALLOT?

15

16 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL IS THE  
17 M.T.A. BOARD HAS ALREADY PLACED THE BALLOT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT, PASSED A RESOLUTION.

20

21 **DEAN LOGAN:** WITHOUT CONSOLIDATING IT, BECAUSE I'M STATUTORILY  
22 THE ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE M.T.A., MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
23 I WILL HAVE TO PROCEED TO CONDUCT THAT AS A CONCURRENT  
24 ELECTION.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND SO YOU WILL CHARGE THE M.T.A.  
2   WHATEVER THE ADDED COSTS ARE?

3

4   **DEAN LOGAN:** THE FULL COST OF THAT CONCURRENT ELECTION, YES.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU ESTIMATE 9, \$10 MILLION BUT IT WAS A  
7   VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE.

8

9   **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN THE ELECTION IS CONDUCTED, ARE THERE  
12   TWO SEPARATE BALLOTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY -- THERE WILL BE ONE  
13   BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT, CONGRESS ALL THE OTHER PROPOSITIONS, AND  
14   THEN ANOTHER SEPARATE BALLOT FOR THE MEASURE.

15

16   **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. THERE WILL BE THE CONSOLIDATED  
17   BALLOT WHICH IS THE TYPICAL BALLOT THAT L.A. COUNTY VOTERS ARE  
18   USED TO THAT THEY TAKE INTO THE BOOTH AND THEY HAVE THE  
19   MULTIPLE PAGES IN THE BOOTH. THEN SEPARATELY THEY WOULD BE  
20   GIVEN A BALLOT THAT HAS THE M.T.A. MEASURE ACTUALLY PRINTED ON  
21   THE BALLOT AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO FILL IN THEIR VOTE ON THAT  
22   BALLOT IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR BALLOT, AND THOSE WOULD BE  
23   TABULATED SEPARATELY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WILL THEY BE THE SAME TECHNOLOGY BE USED  
2   FOR THE BALLOT, THE MEASURE R BALLOT, WHICH IS THE M.T.A.  
3   BALLOT?

4

5   **DEAN LOGAN:** I CAN'T COMPLETELY ANSWER THAT AT THIS POINT  
6   BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT OUR VOTING SYSTEM HAS THE ABILITY,  
7   THE TECHNOLOGY, NOT THE COUNTING TECHNOLOGY, BUT THE PRECINCT  
8   TECHNOLOGY. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT HAS THE ABILITY TO CHECK TWO  
9   DIFFERENT ELECTIONS. SO IT'S LIKELY THAT THE CONSOLIDATED  
10   ELECTION, THE PRESIDENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL AND ALL THAT, THOSE  
11   WOULD GO THROUGH THE PRECINCT BALLOT READERS TO CHECK FOR OVER  
12   VOTES AND BLANK BALLOTS. THE M.T.A. BALLOTS MAY HAVE TO JUST  
13   GO INTO A BALLOT BOX SEPARATELY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT THE  
14   EQUIPMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO -- I'D HAVE TO CHECK ON THAT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY, THEN HOW  
17   WOULD YOU CONDUCT THE MEASURE R ELECTION? THE M.T.A. ELECTION?

18

19   **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL, WE WOULD CONDUCT IT AS A SEPARATE ELECTION,  
20   AS A PAPER BALLOT. THE VOTERS WOULD MARK THOSE BALLOTS.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH A PEN?

23

24   **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. THEY WOULD MARK THEM WITH A PEN. THEY WOULD  
25   COME BACK AND BE COUNTED CENTRALLY AT OUR LOCATION IN NORWALK.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD THEY BE MANUALLY COUNTED?

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO, THEY WOULD BE COUNTED THROUGH OUR VOTE  
5 TABULATION SYSTEM. I'M NOT SURE AT WHAT POINT THEY WOULD BE  
6 COUNTED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF BALLOTS TO COUNT  
7 ON NOVEMBER 4TH. THAT'S A LEVEL OF COMPLICATION THAT I NEED TO  
8 GO BACK AND TALK WITH MY STAFF ABOUT HOW WE WOULD DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OBVIOUSLY, THIS COMPLICATES THE JOB OF THE  
11 POLL WORKERS AS WELL. THEY WILL HAVE TWO SETS OF DOCUMENTS TO

12 --

13

14 **DEAN LOGAN:** THE POLL WORKERS WOULD NEED TO ISSUE TWO BALLOTS  
15 TO EVERY VOTER. WE WOULD ALSO IN OUR OFFICE, WE WOULD NEED TO  
16 DO SEPARATE MAILINGS TO ALL OF OUR VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS. AND WE  
17 WOULD ALSO HAVE TO DO A SEPARATE SAMPLE BALLOT MAILING COUNTY  
18 WIDE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WASN'T DONE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY.

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1     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I'M HAPPY TO YIELD.

2

3     **SUP. KNABE:** THE THING THAT I WANTED TO FOLLOW-UP ON WAS THE  
4     QUESTION THAT DEAN JUST ANSWERED, AND THAT WAS THE FACT THAT  
5     HE IS ELECTIONS OFFICIAL FOR THE M.T.A. EARLIER IN, CASTING MY  
6     NO VOTE. YOU INDICATED THAT M.T.A. WOULD HAVE TO GO TO COURT  
7     AND LET THE COURT DECIDE. THAT NOT THE CASE. THE CASE IS THAT  
8     IT'S GOING TO GO TO THE BALLOT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THERE IS  
9     NO JUDGE INVOLVED. THERE IS NO JURY INVOLVED. EXCUSE ME, I'M  
10    ASKING. WHAT THE REGISTRAR RECORDER INDICATED AND WHAT MR.  
11    ANTONOVICH INDICATED, TWO SEPARATE THINGS. SO NOW I'M ASKING  
12    COUNTY COUNSEL.

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14   **DEAN LOGAN:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE ELECTION  
15   WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE REGISTRAR RECORDER AS THE ELECTIONS  
16   OFFICIAL FOR THE M.T.A. THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WILL  
17   BE CONSOLIDATED OR NOT ON THE BALLOT OR WILL IT BE A SEPARATE  
18   BALLOT.

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20   **SUP. KNABE:** SO THE M.T.A. WILL HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO  
21   CONSOLIDATE.

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23   **DEAN LOGAN:** IN AN EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE, YES.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST SAY. AND THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR  
2    NOT WHAT WE HAVE IS ADMINISTERIAL ACT, ISN'T THAT IT? THAT  
3    THEY WOULD PROBABLY, THE COURT WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT  
4    A WRIT OF MANDATE CAN ISSUE TO DIRECT US, BECAUSE IT'S A  
5    MINISTERIAL ACT RATHER THAN A DISCRETIONARY ACT.

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7    **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT, MADAME CHAIR. THE ELECTION CODE  
8    DIRECTS THAT HE ELECTION SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED --

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE COURT WILL DECIDE IF THE M.T.A. --  
11   DON, IF THE M.T.A. CHOOSES TO ARGUE WITH US AND GO TO COURT.  
12   I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE SAID, BECAUSE I HAS BEEN  
13   A LITTLE BIT CONFUSING. BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT IF THEY  
14   DO NOTHING, THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE AND CONCURRENT  
15   ELECTIONS HELD, WITH ALL THE CONFUSION AND COSTS ATTENDANT  
16   THERETO. IF THE M.T.A. DECIDES TO SUE AND SEEK A WRIT OF  
17   MANDATE TO FORCE THE CONSOLIDATION, THEN IT CAN BE  
18   CONSOLIDATED. EITHER WAY, THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION. SO NOW  
19   THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTS TO  
20   FORCE THE M.T.A. TO SPEND THE MONEY AND GO TO COURT, TAKE THE  
21   COURT'S TIME TO HAVE AN ELECTION THAT WILL COST LESS AND WILL  
22   OFFER LESS CONFUSION. AND BY THE ACTION WE'VE JUST TAKEN, WE  
23   ARE FORCING THAT TO HAPPEN. IF MIKE ANTONOVICH, WHO GOT HIS  
24   LAW DEGREE THE SAME PLACE I DID IS RIGHT AND THE COURT SIDES  
25   WITH US, THEN ALL WE'VE DONE IS ACCOMPLISHED A MORE EXPENSIVE





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1 AND MORE CONFUSING ELECTION. I HONESTLY DON'T -- I THOUGHT YOU  
2 WERE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. THIS IS NOT -- THE DEBATE HERE IS  
3 NOT ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER. THAT WAS THE DEBATE  
4 THAT HAPPENED AT THE BOARD OF THE M.T.A. LAST MONTH. AND IT'S  
5 THE DEBATE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS ALL  
6 OVER THIS COUNTY. IF THIS IS A BAD PLAN, CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT.  
7 BUT THE DECISION OF THE M.T.A. TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT HAS  
8 BEEN MADE. OUR ISSUE HERE IS ONLY WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO MAKE  
9 LIFE MORE COMPLICATED FOR THE VOTERS, FOR THE REGISTRAR, AND  
10 THEN IF WE END UP HAVING A MESS-UP AT SEVERAL OF OUR POLLING  
11 PLACES, I HOPE WE DON'T TURN ON MR. LOGAN AND SAY "WHOA".

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
14 MOLINA.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST THEN, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE FOR  
17 RECONSIDERATION.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WOULD YOU CARE TO SPEAK  
22 AT THIS POINT?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I WOULD.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S INTERESTING. DON, WHILE YOU WERE WELCOMING  
4   YOUR NEW GRANDSON, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MADE A MOTION TO GO  
5   TO COURT ON THIS ITEM. SO IT HAS BEEN --

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME. FOR THE RECORD. THE MOTION I MADE  
8   WAS TO GIVE THE M.T.A. THE OPTION OF GOING. BECAUSE WE WEREN'T  
9   GOING TO MEET AGAIN.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT WAS THE  
12   AUTHORIZATION. THE AUTHORIZATION TO GO TO COURT TO FIGHT THIS  
13   ISSUE.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S TRUE.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** HERE WE HAVE A STRATEGY. THERE WAS A STRATEGY AT  
18   THE M.T.A. AND IT WAS A VERY CLEAR STRATEGY. IT WAS LET'S  
19   FIGURE OUT WHO'S GOING TO GET THE BIG PIE. AND THROUGH  
20   LEGISLATORS AND OTHERS, THEY CAN COP TO THE SCHEME. AND I HAVE  
21   SAID IF THE VERY BEGINNING THAT IF WE WANT THIS TAX, WHICH IS  
22   A TWO-THIRDS TAX TO PASS, AND I THINK MANY OF US UNDERSTAND  
23   AND RECOGNIZE HOW SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT A TRANSIT TAX IS TO  
24   ALL OF US. OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS AT THIS POINT IN  
25   TIME CONSIDERING THAT THE STATE IS NOW LOOKING AT LEVYING



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1 ADDITIONAL SALES TAX, AS WELL. SO WE MIGHT RECONSIDER AS TO  
2 WHETHER THIS IS A PROPER TIME OR WE SHOULD WAIT. BUT THE WAY  
3 IT WAS DONE AT THE M.T.A. CERTAINLY WASN'T BY ANY WAY KIND OF  
4 A FAIR PROCESS "LET'S BE FAIR TO THE VOTERS." ALL OF THAT. IT  
5 WAS A NICE CONCOCTED SCHEME THAT WENT ON. AND EVERY SINGLE AND  
6 EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS AT HOW THEY  
7 WERE GOING TO GET MORE FOR ONE SIDE OF TOWN VERSUS THE OTHER  
8 SIDE. THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT -- AND EVERYONE HAS  
9 KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THE M.T.A. IS REALLY HEAVILY  
10 LOADED WHEN IT COMES TO THE MAYOR'S VOTES ON THERE. AND VERY  
11 CLEARLY IF ANYBODY WOULD HAVE OBJECTED, THAT ARE HIS  
12 APPOINTEES, HE CERTAINLY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE WITHDRAWN THEM  
13 RIGHT THERE AND THEN. SO LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT FAIRNESS IN  
14 LIGHT OF HOW THIS ALL CAME ABOUT. I THINK IT'S HYPOCRITICAL TO  
15 TALK ABOUT FAIRNESS WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT SO UNFAIRLY TO  
16 THE M.T.A. BOARD AFTER WE HAVE SPENT YEARS AND YEARS LOOKING  
17 AT A CRITERIA FOR A 30-YEAR TRANSIT PLAN. MANY OF US HAD  
18 DEVOTED TIME. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IN THE BACK ROOM THEY MADE  
19 THOSE KIND OF ARRANGEMENTS. NOW, MY ISSUE IS THAT I WISH IT  
20 WOULD HAVE BEEN FAIR BUT IT WASN'T FAIR. AND THE ONLY  
21 OPPORTUNITY THAT I HAVE WAS TO RAISE MY VOICE, RAISE MY  
22 CONCERNS AND MY VOTE. MY VOTE WAS VERY IMPORTANT. RIGHT NOW  
23 I'M BEING TOLD MY VOTE IS INSIGNIFICANT. AND IT HAS NOTHING TO  
24 DO WITH ANYTHING, THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO APPROVE IT BECAUSE IT'S  
25 GOING TO GO ANY WAY. THEY ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE AN



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS GO  
2 UP TO THAT VOTING BOOTH AND SAY: CAN I HAVE THAT SPECIAL  
3 TRANSIT TAX BALLOT? AND I CAN GO AND VOTE FOR IT. THAT IS WHAT  
4 IT'S GOING TO MEAN. IT WILL BE VERY UNIQUE AND VERY SPECIAL.  
5 AND I'M SURE THE MAYOR AND HIS COMMERCIALS WILL PROBABLY  
6 CAMPAIGN TOWARD ALL OF IT, OR THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY INTENDED  
7 TO DO AT THE M.T.A. MEETING WHEN THEY AUTHORIZED, AGAIN WITH  
8 THE SMALL NUMBER OF VOTES THAT THEY HAD, TO GO TO COURT IF  
9 NEED BE. SO HERE'S A STRATEGY, AS WELL. THE STRATEGY CAN BE IF  
10 YOU'RE OPPOSED TO THIS TAX NOW, AS IT STANDS. WE HAVE AN  
11 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT VERY, VERY UNIQUE IN KIND OF THE SAME  
12 SYMBOLIC WAY THAT IT BROUGHT IT AND MADE IT VERY UNIQUE TO US.  
13 THEY CAN GO INTO THE BALLOT BOOTH. AND THEY CAN GO IN THERE  
14 AND ASK FOR THAT SPECIAL BALLOT WITH SPECIAL HANDLING TO VOTE  
15 FOR THIS. SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. NOW, I THINK  
16 IT'S VERY CLEARLY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY BY OUR VOTE. I KNOW  
17 WHAT MY VOTE IS. I DID NOT SUPPORT IT AT THE M.T.A. FOR ALL  
18 THE REASONS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH RAISED AND I'M NOT  
19 GOING TO SUPPORT IT HERE AT ALL. SO WE ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
20 TO MAKE THAT DECISION. LET THEM DO WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO  
21 BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S HOW THEY'RE -- THEY EVEN  
22 TRIED TO TABLE OUR DISCUSSION, BY THE WAY, SO THAT WE WOULDN'T  
23 EVEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IT. SO IT'S BEEN A VERY  
24 FUNNY WAY THAT THIS LITTLE CHOO-CHOO IS GETTING ON THE BALLOT.  
25 BUT THE REALITY IS YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO EXPRESS TO



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1 THE VOTERS THAT IF THEY WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE  
2 FOR THIS, THEY CAN GO IN AND ASK FOR THAT SPECIAL BALLOT TO  
3 TAX THEMSELVES FOR A VERY UNFAIR TRANSIT TAX FOR THE NEXT 30  
4 YEARS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THE MOTION IS ON THE --

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTION IS WOULD THEY HAVE TO ASK FOR THE  
9 BALLOT?

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11 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO. IF WE'RE CONDUCTING THE ELECTION, WE HAVE TO  
12 GIVE THEM THE BALLOT.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE BALLOT. ON  
15 THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I ANSWERED MY QUESTION.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILS. THE  
13 NEXT ITEM, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KNABE --

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE ITEMS. YOU HAD 24 AND 30  
16 STILL ON THE AGENDA.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY ADJOURNMENTS, WE LOST A WONDERFUL DEPUTY  
19 SHERIFF THIS PAST WEEK, JUAN ABLE ESCALANTE, AGE 27 WHO HAD  
20 BEEN WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST 2-1/2 YEARS,  
21 AND ALSO SERVED IN IRAQ. HE WAS GUNNED DOWN SATURDAY OUTSIDE  
22 HIS BOYHOOD HOME IN CYPRUS PARK. AND HE'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO  
23 GUARD THE MOST DANGEROUS INMATES IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING  
24 MEMBERS OF THE MEXICAN MAFIA GANG. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
25 AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE



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1 OFFER A \$20,000 REWARD FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THOSE  
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT KILLING, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JOIN ON THAT? AND LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHEN  
5 I HEARD THIS NEWS, IT WAS VERY, VERY TROUBLING. YOU KNOW, AS  
6 WE CONTINUE TO READ ABOUT THE KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT IS GOING  
7 ON WITH OR AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA,  
8 ESPECIALLY IN MEXICO, IT IS VERY TROUBLING THAT WE COULD SEE  
9 ANYTHING LIKE THAT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. AND WHEN I HEARD  
10 OF THIS, THAT'S ALL I COULD BE REMINDED OF IS THAT THERE ARE  
11 THUGS AND HOODLUMS THAT ARE NOW TARGETING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 PERSONNEL. AND EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT OUR DEPUTIES WEAR THEIR  
13 UNIFORMS AND CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES IS A DAY OF COURAGE FOR  
14 THEM AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM. SO THIS WAS VERY  
15 DISCOURAGING TO HEAR. AND I THINK THAT ALL OF THE DEPUTY  
16 SHERIFFS CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE VALOR OF THIS  
17 YOUNG MAN. HE LIVED RIGHT AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM ME AND  
18 IT'S VERY, VERY DISCOURAGING. I WANT TO EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES  
19 TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY, TO OUR ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMEND  
20 THIS DEPUTY FOR HIS UNBELIEVABLE VALOR AND DEDICATION NOT ONLY  
21 TO OUR COUNTRY AS HE SERVED AS A U.S. ARMY RESERVIST BUT MORE  
22 IMPORTANTLY AS HE CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES AS ONE OF OUR  
23 COUNTY'S SHERIFFS, SO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN AS WELL IN THE NAME  
24 OF JUAN ABLE ESCALANTE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN THE MEMORY OF BETTY  
4    CHIEVES, OF GLENDORA. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE AT THE GLENDORA  
5    HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ALL OF THE OTHER VARIOUS COMMUNITY  
6    PROJECTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HELEN CHARLOTTE PACHOREK,  
7    MY DOCTOR'S MOTHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS  
8    THE MOTHER OF 11 CHILDREN. AND SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN HER  
9    CHURCH AND WAS KNOWN AS A TALENTED WRITER AND PAINTER. ONE OF  
10   HER SONS IS DR. JOSEPH PACHOREK, WHO IS QUITE ACTIVE IN ONE OF  
11   THE HIGH RECOGNIZED PHYSICIANS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND  
12   SHE LEAVES 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 21 GRANDCHILDREN AND 4 GREAT  
13   GRANDCHILDREN. I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF DR. JORDAN  
14   PHILLIPS. DR. PHILLIPS WAS A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND A  
15   PHYSICIAN. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. BUT HE WAS QUITE  
16   ACTIVE IN CHINESE ISSUES. HE WENT TO CHINA AND HE SAW THAT THE  
17   RED GUARD HAD DESTROYED ALL THE MEDICAL BOOKS. THEY HAD BURNED  
18   ALL THE BOOKS. AND SO HE CREATED A FOUNDATION. AND AFTER THAT  
19   OVERTHROW OF THE RED GUARD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN GETTING MORE  
20   THAN 1 MILLION MEDICAL BOOKS INTO CHINA. HE AND HIS WIFE MARY  
21   WERE QUITE ACTIVE WITHIN THE COUNTY AT MANY OF OUR EVENTS WITH  
22   THE CONSULATE CORPS. THEY WERE PARTICIPANTS, AS WELL. AND A  
23   VERY FINE MAN WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HELPING OTHERS. BILLY  
24   HAMILTON, SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD  
25   DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY IN CANYON COUNTRY. DAVID JEPSON, WHO



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1 WAS EMPLOYED 30 YEARS WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL. BERNITA  
2 CATHERINE WILKASON SHILLINGLAW, THE BRANCH MANAGER OF THE  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AND ACTIVE IN THE VALLEY.  
4 HARRIET BURNS, WHO WAS THE FIRST FEMALE DESIGNER FOR WALT  
5 DISNEY IMAGINEERING. SHE WORKED AS THE SET AND PROP PAINTER  
6 FOR THE MICKEY MOUSE CLUB ALONG WITH MANY OF THE COSTUME AND  
7 MANNEQUINS THAT ARE PART OF MANY OF THE DISNEYLAND ATTRACTIONS  
8 BOTH HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD. JERRY BRAZIER, RETIRED DEPUTY  
9 SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. JOSEPH O'DELL, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
10 RETIRED. EXCUSE ME. HE WAS NOT RETIRED. HE SERVED FOR 24  
11 YEARS. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47. VERNA MADER BAKER. SHE  
12 WAS INVOLVED WITH ALPHA CHAPTER DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, AN  
13 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN EDUCATORS. SHE BEGAN HER  
14 TEACHING IN A ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE. KENNETH USHER, WHO WAS A  
15 VETERAN OF WORLD WAR 2 AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH HIS  
16 COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY. AND ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN, WHO WON  
17 THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN 1970, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
18 AUGUST 3RD. I THINK OF ALL THE VARIOUS BOOKS I READ, MANY OF  
19 HIS, THE ONE THAT I FOUND VERY ENLIGHTENING WAS THE FIRST  
20 CIRCLE, WHICH WAS THE DESCRIPTION OF HIS LIFE IN THE GULAG AND  
21 HOW HE SURVIVED. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. AND THOSE  
22 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE HELD ANY OTHER  
2   ITEMS.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?  
5   UNTIL SHE COMES BACK, I WILL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT  
6   WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ETTA BELLE  
7   BLANCHARD, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY  
8   ON JULY 25TH AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
9   MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, CLAUDETTE STEELE AND CAROLYN SHERMAN; AND  
10   TWO GRANDCHILDREN, WALTER AND TRENT. AND ROBERT SUMMERS, THE  
11   FATHER OF C.E.O. OFFICE OF WORKPLACE PROGRAM EMPLOYEE ANDREA  
12   NICHOLAS. HE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 79. HE  
13   LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS DAUGHTER, ANDREA NICHOLAS AND  
14   JYL SUMMERS. AND BOB JOHNSON, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT  
15   RESIDENT AND ENTREPRENEUR AND BUSINESSMAN WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
16   JULY 25TH AT THE AGE OF 60. HE WAS A MCDONALD'S FRANCHISE  
17   OWNER AND DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBER. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS  
18   MEMORY HIS MOTHER, HIS TWO SONS, HIS BROTHER, ALONG WITH A  
19   HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 24.  
20   AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL, AFTER 30, I'LL CALL S-1. I THINK  
21   DOCTOR CLAVREUL WAS HOLDING THAT. DR. CLAVREUL, YOU MAY WANT  
22   TO ADDRESS THAT AS WELL AS ITEM 30.

23

24   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25   DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 24, I'M KIND OF SURPRISED,



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1 BECAUSE I THINK INITIALLY IT WAS SUPPOSED ALSO TO GO BACK TO  
2 THE DEPARTMENT, SO IT WAS APPROVED WITHOUT --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S GOING BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
5 BUT DIDN'T YOU ASK TO SPEAK ON IT?

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, I KNOW. BUT THAT ITEM DOES NOT  
8 MENTION THAT SO I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED TO SEE THAT IT WAS NOT  
9 MENTIONED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT STATES IT ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SO IT WILL GO BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I STILL HAVE NOT  
18 RECEIVED THE INFORMATION I REQUESTED MONTHS AGO AND ON  
19 MULTIPLE TIMES ABOUT THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND YOU HAVE  
20 AN ITEM COMING ALL THE TIME ON THAT. I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW  
21 WHAT YOUR LEFT HAND AND YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE DOING ON THOSE  
22 ITEMS. AND I THINK IT WILL BE TIME THAT THE COUNTY COME WITH A  
23 LIST OF THE ACTUAL CONTRACT YOU HAVE IN THE INFORMATION  
24 TECHNOLOGY. BECAUSE APPARENTLY, YOU KNOW, NOTHING IS BEING  
25 DONE TO CODE IN THE ACTION. AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOME OTHER



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1 SYSTEM WHO ARE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE OTHER SYSTEMS, AND  
2 THAT'S VERY CONCERNING TO ME. AND ON ITEM 30, WHICH IS ANOTHER  
3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, YOU KNOW, FOREVER I HAVE COMPLAINED  
4 ABOUT THE LITTLE CAVEAT WHICH SAYS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN  
5 INCREASE THE CONTRACT BY CERTAIN AMOUNT, CERTAIN PERCENT. YOU  
6 KNOW, INITIALLY WHEN I STARTED COMPLAINING, IT WAS 20 PERCENT  
7 THAT ALL CONTRACT COULD BE INCREASED WITHOUT COMING BACK TO  
8 THE BOARD. THEN IT WAS 25 PERCENT RECENTLY. AND TODAY IT'S 30  
9 PERCENT. ON THAT CONTRACT, 30 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT IS  
10 \$1,091,000. THAT'S A PRETTY STEEP AMOUNT NOT TO HAVE TO COME  
11 BACK TO THE BOARD. I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH THAT ITEM  
12 BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING MILLIONS AND MILLIONS. OVER THE LAST  
13 NINE YEAR, I HAVE MONITORED THOSE CONTRACTS. AND THE PUBLIC  
14 HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO WAY OF KNOWING WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING.  
15 AND I THINK THAT'S A POOR WAY OF MANAGING.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM 30?

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT'S ALL. AND I HAVE AN ARTICLE ON  
21 EMERGENCY NURSING. MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU ALREADY SPOKE ON 30. ALL RIGHT. MOVED  
24 BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 30  
25 IS APPROVED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE 64 WHICH RELATES TO 67 AND THEN  
3 ITEM 68.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL CALL 64 FIRST. WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM  
6 PLANNING, AND WE'LL COVER 64 AND 67 -- I WILL MOVE THAT ITEM  
7 BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64 AND 67?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAD A HEARING ON SATURDAY, AND THE  
12 PLANNING COMMISSION WAS UNABLE TO REMAIN PAST ABOUT 3:00. OF  
13 COURSE THEY HAD BEEN THERE ALL DAY. BUT THERE WERE NO CARDS  
14 PASSED OUT. SO AS A RESULT, NO ONE HAD ANY CARDS. THEY JUST  
15 CALLED PEOPLE UP AS THEY WENT ALONG. AND WHAT I REALLY WOULD  
16 LIKE TO GET IS THE KIND OF UNIFORM APPROACH WE HAVE TO  
17 HEARINGS HERE APPLIED TO ALL HEARINGS, ASKING THAT THERE BE A  
18 REPORT BACK. BUT RATHER THAT THEY COME BACK WITH PROCEDURES  
19 FOR HEARINGS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 60 DAYS? I WOULD ASK THAT IT BE DONE IN FOUR  
22 WEEKS. I HONESTLY DON'T SEE WHY IT CAN'T BE DONE NEXT WEEK.  
23 BUT FOUR WEEKS?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I CERTAINLY WOULD ACCEPT THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ACTUALLY APPRECIATE THE MOTION. I WAS NOT  
3 PERSONALLY AWARE THAT THEY DON'T TAKE SPEAKER CARDS THERE.  
4 THAT BEGINS TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT OF WHY FOR 14 YEARS THAT  
5 I'VE BEEN HERE THINGS HAVE MOVED SO SLOWLY OVER THERE. I MEAN,  
6 ONE OF THE -- WHAT WAS BEHIND THE HEARING EXAMINER ORDINANCE,  
7 THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO MOVE THINGS ALONG. IT IS FRANKLY AN  
8 EMBARRASSMENT TO THE COUNTY THAT AN APPLICATION CAN TAKE  
9 SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, 10 YEARS. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS ONE.  
10 I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ONE THAT'S ON THE AGENDA TODAY. BUT  
11 I HAVE A NUMBER OF CASES THAT HAVE TAKEN THE BETTER PART OF MY  
12 TIME HERE AND OTHERS THAT HAVE TAKEN LONGER THAN THEY SHOULD  
13 HAVE. IF THE ANSWER IS YES, IT'S YES, IF IT'S NO, IT'S NO. BUT  
14 PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO GET AN ANSWER AND NOT BE FILIBUSTERED  
15 TO DEATH. AND THAT INCLUDES US. SO I'D VERY MUCH APPRECIATE  
16 YOUR MOTION, MADAME CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY COMMENT FROM  
19 PLANNING? ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT WAS BOTH ON ITEM 67 AND 64?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WAS THERE A COMMENT?

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1 **SPEAKER:** ON YOUR DISCUSSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE, WHICH IS  
2 64 AND 67. I KNOW YOU HAD A MOTION REGARDING MODIFYING THE  
3 R.P.C. PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES. WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

4  
5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S 64.

6  
7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT RELATES TO 67.

8  
9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I WAS SPEAKING TO A MOTION  
10 THAT I THOUGHT YOU HAD INTRODUCED SEPARATE FROM THIS.

11  
12 **SPEAKER:** YES, SEPARATE FROM, RIGHT.

13  
14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE ONE THAT I THOUGHT THAT WAS  
15 INTRODUCED. MAYBE IT WASN'T.

16  
17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S IN ADDITION TO YOUR PROCEDURES.

18  
19 **SPEAKER:** OH, IN ADDITION, OKAY. THAT'S CLARIFIED.

20  
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, SO 64 WOULD BE ADOPTED  
22 WITH THOSE ADDITIONAL PROVISOS.

23  
24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. I THOUGHT THAT YOU  
2   HAD A SEPARATE MOTION ON THOSE PROCEDURES. I JUST WANT TO MAKE  
3   SURE THIS IS DONE RIGHT.

4

5   **SPEAKER:** YES.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE GIVING HER THE RIGHT  
8   ADVICE. SO I UNDERSTOOD THAT SHE HAD A SEPARATE MOTION.

9

10   **SPEAKER:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. SHE HAD A SEPARATE MOTION.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US IS A CASE,  
13   CORRECT?

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. MINE IS ON A SEPARATE ITEM.

16

17   **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S A SEPARATE ITEM. THIS IS JUST  
20   THE PROCEDURES THEY HAD BEFORE.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, YOURS IS POSTED, YOU WANT IT POSTED FOR  
23   NEXT WEEK, I SEE.

24

25   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THOUGHT THIS WAS MINE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN I'LL MAKE MY AMENDMENT NEXT WEEK.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT THE  
5 AMENDMENT, THEN. OF COURSE WE COULD VERY WELL HAVE AN  
6 AMENDMENT TO IT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MIGHT, I BELIEVE YOUR MOTION YOU  
9 WANT CONSIDERED NEXT WEEK THAT WOULD --

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT BEING CONSIDERED  
12 TODAY.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** ASKING FOR REPORT BACK REGARDING COMMISSION'S USE OF  
15 SPEAKER CARDS. IF THERE'S A REPORT BACK THEN THAT IS SOMETHING  
16 THAT THE BOARD COULD DO TODAY. IT DOES RELATE TO THE SUBJECT  
17 MATTER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER ORDINANCE. HOWEVER, THE HEARING  
18 EXAMINER ORDINANCE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM, WHICH ARE  
19 ITEMS 64 AND 67 ARE BEFORE YOU. IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH THE  
20 ORDINANCE THAT WAS PRESENTED AS PART OF THE AGENDA.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** REPORT BACK IN FOUR WEEKS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S FINE.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL NOW, IS THE HEARING EXAMINER CONFUSED?  
2   YOU HAVE THESE PROCEDURES ON. BUT WHAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE ON  
3   FOR NEXT WEEK WAS FOR YOU TO COME BACK WITH PROCEDURES THAT  
4   WOULD PROVIDE FOR ANY HEARING, THAT THERE WOULD BE SPEAKER  
5   CARDS AND OTHER THINGS.

6

7   **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WOULD THAT CONFUSE ANYONE?

10

11   **SPEAKER:** NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE TWO, WE'RE  
12   TALKING SEPARATE MOTIONS. YOU HAD ONE MOTION. AND THE HEARING  
13   EXAMINER PROCEDURE IS ANOTHER SEPARATE ITEM. BUT I CLEARLY  
14   UNDERSTAND THAT NEXT WEEK WE'LL COME BACK TO --

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CAN DO IT NEXT WEEK OR WE COULD DO IT  
17   RIGHT NOW AS AN AMENDMENT. WOULD YOU BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF IT  
18   COMES BACK NEXT WEEK?

19

20   **SPEAKER:** I WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF IT CAME BACK NEXT  
21   WEEK.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I WILL NOT INTRODUCE IT AS AN  
24   AMENDMENT.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** CLARIFICATION I WANTED TO OFFER. IS THIS, YOUR  
2 AMENDMENT PROPOSAL APPLIES TO MORE THAN THE PLANNING  
3 COMMISSION?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S WHY IT WOULD NOT BE THE BEST.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S WHY IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO ATTACH.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** BUT I AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS THAT WE HEARD EARLIER.  
12 THE STAFF INTENDS TO PREPARE THE SPEAKER CARDS. AND WE WILL BE  
13 MAKING THE REQUEST TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. YOU WILL GO FORWARD TO DO  
16 THAT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS OUR INTENT WITH RESPECT TO OUR DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT APPLIES TO ALL COMMISSIONS, RIGHT. OKAY.  
21 SO THE MOTION, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 64 AND 67.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY.

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, HOLD ON. WE'RE ON 64 NOW? I'M  
4    CONFUSED.

5

6    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON 64 AND 67.

7

8    **SPEAKER:** STAFF WILL MAKE A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:.**

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO 64 AND 67. I  
13   APOLOGIZE.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION BY  
16   YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY BURKE; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
17   WE'LL GO BACK TO 64.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I THOUGHT 64 AND 67 WERE SOMETHING  
20   ELSE, I APOLOGIZE. I GOT SQUARED AWAY.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KIND OF CONFUSED IT.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY I'LL JUST READ IT. LAST MONTH THE BOARD  
25   OF SUPERVISORS MADE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE



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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORDINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM.  
2 HOWEVER, THREE ADDITIONAL CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO  
3 ENSURE THAT THE HEARING EXAMINER PROGRAM WILL BE FULLY  
4 ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PROGRAM CAN BE  
5 EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
6 PLANNING. FIRST, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S HEARINGS  
7 SHOULD RECEIVE THE SAME PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THEY DO UNDER THE  
8 CURRENT HEARING PROCEDURE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE COMMISSION'S  
9 PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD NOT BE REPLACED BY THE  
10 PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN FOR THE HEARING EXAMINERS' HEARINGS.  
11 SECOND, AS THE ORDINANCE AND THE EXISTING COUNTY CODE ARE  
12 CURRENTLY WRITTEN, ONLY THE FIRST THREE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFY ON  
13 ANY SIDE OF AN ISSUE ARE AUTOMATICALLY GIVEN NOTICE WHEN AN  
14 ACTION IS TAKEN. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS LACK OF NOTICE MAY HAVE  
15 THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF EXCLUDING SOME MEMBERS OF THE  
16 PUBLIC FROM THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. TO REMEDY THIS  
17 PROBLEM, THE HEARING OFFICER, HEARING EXAMINER, REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD PROVIDE  
19 DECISION NOTICES TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO TESTIFIES  
20 AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HEARINGS ON ZONING AND SUBDIVISION  
21 MATTERS. FINALLY, THE CHART AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM  
22 DELINEATING WHICH CASES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE HEARING OFFICER  
23 AND WHICH CASES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 COMMISSION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE  
25 PERMITS AND PROCESSES AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY FOUND IN THE





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1 COUNTY CODE. IT SHOULD ALSO BE CLARIFIED THAT THE CHART  
2 REPRESENTS GUIDELINES ONLY AND THAT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL  
3 PLANNING RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM THESE  
4 GUIDELINES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
5 PLANNING DIRECTOR AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE PROVIDED A REVISED  
6 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AND ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY THAT INCLUDE  
7 THESE CHANGES. IS THAT CORRECT? THEY BOTH SAY YES. I THEREFORE  
8 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE HEARING  
9 EXAMINER IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AS AMENDED AND THAT THE BOARD  
10 REINTRODUCE THE HEARING EXAMINER ORDINANCE WITH THE CHANGES  
11 INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S NEW VERSION AND THAT THE  
12 ORDINANCE BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA FOR FINAL ADOPTION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED AS AMENDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
15 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. AND THAT'S ON 64 ONLY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 64 AND 67.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO YOU'RE  
20 GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SOME KIND OF ABILITY TO DETERMINE WHO --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE, YES.

23



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MEAN ON THIS TOO, SO THEY CAN RECEIVE  
2   NOTICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON ITEM 68 WAS HELD FOR A  
3   HEARING.

4

5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 68 IF I COULD READ THE SHORT TITLE  
6   INTO THE RECORD, THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UPDATE THE  
7   HOUSING ELEMENT CONSISTING OF TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ADDRESS  
8   THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE COUNTY,  
9   REVISIONS TO REFLECT RECENT CHANGES IN THE STATE HOUSING  
10   ELEMENT LAW. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS. AND  
11   CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ALSO, IF I COULD SWEAR IN ALL  
12   THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THIS MATTER? AND  
13   IF YOU COULD RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
14   HAND? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU  
15   SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING  
16   BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE COME  
19   FORWARD? DO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FIRST?

20

21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR --

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FIRST.

24

25   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.



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2 **CONNIE CHUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CONNIE

3 CHUNG, I'M WITH THE HOUSING SECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF

4 REGIONAL PLANNING. THE DRAFT THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS

5 THE FOURTH REVISION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT.

6 WHICH APPLIES TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND

7 WHICH COVERS THE PERIOD JULY 2008 TO JULY 2014. THE HOUSING

8 ELEMENT, WHICH IS A COMPONENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, IS MANDATED

9 AND PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. THE HOUSING

10 ELEMENT IS A PERIODIC AND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF HOUSING

11 NEEDS FOR ALL INCOMES AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. IT CAN BE

12 BROKEN DOWN INTO THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SECTIONS. GOALS AND

13 POLICIES FOR HOUSING, PROGRAMS AND ADEQUATE SITES INVENTORY

14 WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE ITS

15 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION AND ANALYSES OF EXISTING AND

16 PROJECTED HOUSING NEEDS AND GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL

17 CONSTRAINTS TO HOUSING. THE HOUSING ELEMENT IS A DYNAMIC

18 DOCUMENT. IT INCLUDES PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE STUDIED AND

19 IMPLEMENTED. AND THE STAFF WILL CONTINUALLY MONITOR AND REPORT

20 ON THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW

21 THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PERIOD. UPON ADOPTION, THE COUNTY IS

22 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITS HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

23 OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO UNDERGO A 90-DAY

24 CERTIFICATION REVIEW. WHEN A HOUSING ELEMENT IS CERTIFIED, IT

25 IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW. A MAJOR



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1 INCENTIVE FOR PREPARING HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES AND  
2 MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW IS  
3 ENSURING THAT THE COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR MANY COMPETITIVE  
4 STATE GRANTS, INCLUDING PROP 1-C FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDING  
5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE BOARD  
7 THAT THERE IS A RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO PAGE 22, WHICH ADDS  
8 REFERENCES TO THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW AND ADDS EMERGENCY  
9 SHELTERS TO PROGRAM 2, REMOVAL OF GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS.  
10 THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGE IS TO ADDRESS A RECOMMENDATION MADE  
11 IN A LETTER TO YOUR BOARD, COSIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S  
12 PUBLIC COUNSEL, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
13 NONPROFIT HOUSING, AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, TO CLARIFY  
14 THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECENT  
15 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW PER S.B.2. THIS CHANGE  
16 WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FINAL VERSION THAT IS SUBMITTED TO  
17 THE STATE. IN ADDITION, IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE STAFF WOULD  
18 LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFORMAT AND APPLY NON-SUBSTANTIVE  
19 CHANGES TO THE ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE  
20 FORMAT OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE FORTHCOMING  
21 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. THIS WILL NOT ONLY MAKE THE HOUSING  
22 ELEMENT MORE USER FRIENDLY, BUT IT WILL FURTHER CLARIFY THE  
23 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND THE GENERAL PLAN.  
24 IN CLOSING, THE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE  
25 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FIND THAT THE DRAFT MEETS ALL OF THE



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1 REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW AND DIRECT THE  
2 STAFF TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE STATE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 90-DAY  
4 CERTIFICATION REVIEW, COMMENCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
5 PROGRAMS IN THE HOUSING ELEMENT, AND REFORMAT AND APPLY NON-  
6 SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT TO BE CONSISTENT  
7 WITH THE FORMAT OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. THAT CONCLUDES  
8 STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO DO YOUR AMENDMENT  
11 FIRST? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK THE STAFF, CONNIE, FOR  
14 DOING A LOT OF THAT WORK.

15

16 **CONNIE CHUNG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL AND WELL-DONE AND WE  
19 REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN. AND I  
20 HAVE AN AMENDMENT IF YOU DON'T MIND. IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT  
21 TO YOUR EFFORTS. THE HOUSING CRISIS, AND THIS IS A MOTION  
22 THAT'S BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. THE HOUSING  
23 CRISIS CONTINUES TO LOOM OVER L.A. COUNTY AFFECTING OUR  
24 RESIDENTS IN PROFOUND WAYS. THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES  
25 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO COMPREHENSIVELY



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1 ASSESS AND ADJUST ITS GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS  
2 THE EFFECTS OF THE EVOLVING HOUSING CRISIS ON THE  
3 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF THE COUNTY. IT EMPHASIZES A  
4 PROVISION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A VARIETY OF INCOMES  
5 AND NEEDS THROUGH A NUMBER OF HOUSING TYPES. THE HOUSING  
6 ELEMENT INCLUDES A NUMBER OF NEW PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN  
7 AND INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING, ESPECIALLY AFFORDABLE  
8 HOUSING. THESE PROGRAMS WILL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S  
9 ABILITY TO FOSTER HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO A  
10 BROAD SPECTRUM OF HOUSING. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS, NUMBER ONE, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. SECONDLY,  
12 CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS  
13 RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS, FIND ON THE BASIS  
14 OF THE WHOLE RECORD BEFORE THE BOARD, AND THAT THERE IS NO  
15 SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ANY  
16 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, FIND THAT THE NEGATIVE  
17 DECLARATION REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND ANALYSIS OF  
18 THE BOARD AND OF COURSE, ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.  
19 ADOPTIONS OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
20 COMMISSION AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT  
21 AND THOSE OF THE STAFF TODAY AND DETERMINE THAT IT IS  
22 COMPATIBLE WITH AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOALS AND THE POLICIES  
23 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN AND THE COUNTY'S  
24 STRATEGIC PLAN. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND INSTRUCT REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION AND ADOPTED HOUSING



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1 ELEMENTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
2 DEVELOPMENT FOR CERTIFICATION REVIEW. AND OF COURSE, INSTRUCT  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO IMMEDIATELY INITIATE  
4 THE REQUIRED FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM  
5 FOR SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION AND AN INCLUSIONARY HOUSING POLICY  
6 AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN A YEAR. AND OF COURSE, TO  
7 INSTRUCT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S IDENTIFIED HOUSING ELEMENT TO  
8 INITIATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMAINING PROGRAMS  
9 IDENTIFIED IN THE HOUSING ELEMENT. THIS IS A FRIENDLY  
10 AMENDMENT TO SPEED UP A LITTLE BIT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
11 THAT WERE MADE. AND AGAIN, LET ME JUST THANK STAFF FOR DOING  
12 AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN MAKING THIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **CONNIE CHUNG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? MR. SACHS, AND THEN  
17 WE'LL CALL SANDY CHU, PAUL ZIMMERMAN, REMY DE LA PEZA.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS.  
20 JUST VERY QUICKLY, DID YOU TAKE INTO ANY ACCOUNT -- I  
21 MENTIONED LAST WEEK THAT I HAD GONE TO AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
22 AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT ROGER MOLIERE FROM THE M.T.A. WAS  
23 SPEAKING AND HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE M.T.A.'S HOUSING  
24 PROJECTS, THAT THEY'RE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS THAT  
25 THEY'RE LOOKING INTO. SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF ANY





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1 PART OF THE M.T.A.'S TRANSIT-ORIENTED PROGRAM HAS BEEN  
2 INVOLVED IN YOUR HOUSING PROGRAM INITIATIVES. BECAUSE IT SEEMS  
3 TO ME THAT THE M.T.A., BEING CASH POOR FOR PROJECTS IS ABLE TO  
4 COME UP WITH FUNDING FOR PROPERTY WHEN THEIR GOALS SHOULD BE  
5 ORIENTED TOWARDS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION. IF THEY CAN COME UP  
6 WITH THE FUNDING TO BUY PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT, WHILE THEY  
7 CAN'T COMPLETE ANY RAIL PROJECTS OR PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
8 TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PUBLIC, SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PROGRAM  
9 SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT THEY CAN GET MONEY  
10 FROM NOWHERE TO DO THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS  
11 AND YOUR ATTENTION.

12  
13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALSO WOULD UGOCHI L. ANABERE COME FORWARD,  
14 TOO.

15  
16 **SANDY CHU:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S A  
17 PLEASURE TO BE MEETING WITH YOU. AND I REPRESENT SOUTHERN  
18 CALIFORNIA REPUTATION SERVICES. AND MY NAME IS SANDY CHU,  
19 COMMUNITY SYSTEM CHANGE ADVOCATE. I WORK WITH INDEPENDENT  
20 LIVING CENTER S.C.R.S. FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. AND MY JOB  
21 IS TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. I HAVE A  
22 PRESENT EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CONNIE CHUNG AND HER TEAM AS  
23 WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION. AND I HAVE  
24 BEEN, GAVE MY PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE ACCESSIBLE ISSUES  
25 AND THE HOUSING NEEDS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND IT'S



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1 BEEN VERY FORTUNATE THAT THEY HAVE TOOK MY RECOMMENDATION AND,  
2 YOU KNOW, CONSIDER OR WORK WITH US AS RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE  
3 ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND THEY WILL BE, THE  
4 COUNTY WILL ADOPT A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION ORDINANCE TO  
5 SUPPLY THIS GROUP AND PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDATION OF  
6 ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS, AND IT WILL BE PUT IN THE HOUSING  
7 ELEMENT PLAN. SO I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE HOUSING  
8 ELEMENT PLAN, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU.  
9 THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PAUL ZIMMERMAN?

12

13 **PAUL ZIMMERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
14 ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I'M PAUL ZIMMERMAN. AND I'M WITH THE  
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE  
16 REPRESENT OVER 100 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS  
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND IN PARTNERS WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, WE  
18 HAVE BEEN ANALYZING AND COMMENTING ON A NUMBER OF HOUSING  
19 ELEMENTS. AND AS YOU SEE IN OUR SUBMITTAL, AFTER QUITE A BIT  
20 OF WORK, AND WE HAVE REALLY ONLY COME UP WITH FOUR RECOMMENDED  
21 AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF DOCUMENT. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY A  
22 TESTAMENT, A COMPLIMENT, REALLY A COMPLIMENT TO THE REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF, CONNIE CHUNG IN PARTICULAR AND HER  
24 TEAM. THEY REALLY DID A TERRIFIC JOB. I WANTED TO FOCUS IN ON  
25 A VERY IMPORTANT NEW PROGRAM. AND THAT'S REALLY A



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1 RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COUNTY TAKE A HARD LOOK AT AN  
2 INCLUSIONARY PROGRAM. MY RECOMMENDATIONS WERE REALLY  
3 SUPERSEDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR  
4 HER FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND JUST URGE YOU TO REALLY ADOPT THE  
5 DRAFT AS AMENDED. AND AGAIN MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE STAFF FOR A  
6 COMPLICATED JOB WELL DONE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO'S NEXT?

9

10 **REMY DE LA PEZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REMY DE LA PEZA, AND  
11 I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. AS PAUL MENTIONED, WE  
12 WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH SCAMP AND HAVE ALSO TEAMED UP WITH  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES IN OUR REVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S  
14 HOUSING ELEMENT. AND WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE  
15 WORKED WITH CONNIE AND HER STAFF OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS,  
16 AND THEY HAVE RESPONDED VERY DILIGENTLY TO A VARIETY OF OUR  
17 COMMENTS IN THE PAST AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WILLING AND OPEN TO  
18 DISCUSS FUTURE CONCERNS WE'VE HAD WITH THE DOCUMENT. AND WE  
19 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK THE DOCUMENT AS A WHOLE IS  
20 SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF, ESPECIALLY  
21 AS IT RELATES TO THE NEEDS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FOR LOW  
22 INCOME PERSONS AND RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, OF  
23 COURSE, THERE'S ALWAYS A COUPLE MORE THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE  
24 AND AS CONNIE REFERENCED, WE SUBMITTED ON JULY 22ND A BRIEF  
25 LETTER AND A FEW ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. AND I JUST WANTED TO



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1 BRING UP A COUPLE OF THOSE WHICH WERE PROGRAM 26, WHICH IS THE  
2 PRESERVATION OF AT-RISK HOUSING. AND I THINK JUST GIVEN THE  
3 974 UNITS THAT ARE AT RISK OF CONVERSION DURING THIS PLANNING  
4 PERIOD AND REITERATING WHAT H.C.D. MENTIONED IN ITS LETTER  
5 THAT THE MORE IMMEDIATE ACTION STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REALLY  
6 IMPLEMENT AND DEVELOP A PRACTICAL PRESERVATION STRATEGY. AND,  
7 SECONDLY, PROGRAM 4, IN TERMS OF THE INFILL SITES. AND THIS IS  
8 SOMETHING SUPERVISOR MOLINA KIND OF TOUCHED ON IN TERMS OF THE  
9 SMALL LOT SUBDIVISIONS. BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THE INVENTORY  
10 CONSISTS OF SUCH SMALLER SIZED LOTS, I THINK IT'S REALLY  
11 IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO ANY EFFORTS THAT THE COUNTY CAN  
12 MAKE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT WILL REALLY FACILITATE  
13 SMALLER LOT DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO  
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO IN GENERAL, WE ARE BEHIND THE COUNTY  
15 100 PERCENT ON THIS DOCUMENT AND REALLY DO, AGAIN, WANT TO  
16 ECHO OUR APPRECIATION TO CONNIE AND HER STAFF IN WORKING WITH  
17 US.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **UGOCHI ANABERE:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY  
22 NAME IS UGOCHI ANABERE, AND I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH  
23 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY. NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL  
24 SERVICES PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS  
25 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING THE SAN FERNANDO AND ANTELOPE



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1 VALLEYS. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU  
2 TODAY ABOUT THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES FOR PLANNING YEAR 2008 TO 2014. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST  
4 ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES, REMY DE LA PEZA AND PAUL  
5 ZIMMERMAN REGARDING TO THE COUNTY'S DRAFT ELEMENT. AND THIS  
6 WAS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH CONNIE AND HER STAFF.  
7 AND I AGREE THAT THEY DID A FANTASTIC JOB IN PREPARING THIS  
8 DRAFT AND MEETING WITH US WITH REGARDS TO THE RECOMMENDED  
9 CHANGES AND PROPOSALS THAT WE MADE TO MAKE THIS DRAFT A VERY  
10 GOOD DRAFT. AND MY COMMENTS INITIALLY WERE GOING TO BEGIN WITH  
11 THE COMPLIANCE WITH S.B.2, BUT MISS CHUNG HAS ADDRESSED THOSE  
12 CONCERNS. AND SO I JUST STAND HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY  
13 AND THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO CLARIFY THE PROGRAM SECTION TO  
14 INCLUDE COMPLIANCE WITH S.B.2 REGARDING THE SUPPORTIVE  
15 TRANSITIONAL AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WILL CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. IS  
18 THERE A MOTION? SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AS AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
20 ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **CONNIE CHUNG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL CALL UP S-1? CAN I ASK SOME QUESTIONS?  
2   WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. ARNOLD SACHS  
3   AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? MR.  
4   FUJIOKA, DO YOU WANT TO GIVE THE REPORT ON THIS ONE? OR DR.  
5   SCHUNHOFF?

6

7   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT COMING FORWARD. IN  
8   ADDITION TO JOHN SCHUNHOFF, WE ALSO HAVE AMY GUTIERREZ, THE  
9   CHIEF PHARMACIST FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AND THEN SHEILA SHIMA.

10

11   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE THE  
12   REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE C.E.O. ON FRIDAY. THE BASIC  
13   QUESTION HERE IS A MATTER OF PROVIDING CONVENIENCE IN TERMS OF  
14   PHARMACY AND THE ISSUE IS THE BILLING. OUR PHARMACY SYSTEM IS  
15   A SIGNIFICANTLY OUTMODED SYSTEM, AND THE OUTPATIENT SYSTEM IS  
16   GOING TO BE REPLACED OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THAT SYSTEM THAT  
17   WE WILL REPLACE IT WITH WILL HAVE FULL BILLING CAPABILITIES.  
18   AT THAT POINT, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO  
19   PROVIDE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MEDICARE  
20   PART D PLANS IS TO THEN HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THOSE VARIOUS  
21   PLANS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITH A VARIETY OF  
22   ENTITIES WHICH OPERATE THESE MEDICARE D PLANS. SOME OF THEM  
23   ARE SPECIFICALLY LOW INCOME PLANS THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR  
24   MEDI-CAL/MEDICARE PATIENTS. IN OUR SYSTEM, APPROXIMATELY 5 TO  
25   7 PERCENT OF THE VISITS ARE MEDICARE AND THE GREATEST MAJORITY



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1 OF THOSE ARE MEDI-CAL/MEDICARE. SO THEY'RE VERY, VERY FEW  
2 PERCENTAGE OR VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE THAT IS REPRESENTED BY  
3 MEDICARE ONLY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT ABOUT 40,000 VISITS? THAT NUMBER?

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7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE NUMBER IN 5/6 FOR MEDICARE ONLY WAS  
8 ABOUT 40,000 VISIT, YES, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 40,000 VISITS.

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OUT OF SEVERAL MILLION THAT WE PROVIDE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MEDICARE, YES.

15

16 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RIGHT. NOW THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS  
17 THAT ARE LAID OUT IN THE MEMO. THE RECOMMENDED OPTION IS THAT  
18 WE PROCEED TO REPLACE OUR OUTPATIENT SYSTEM AND BUILD THAT,  
19 THE BILLING INTO THAT. THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY EARLY 2010  
20 ON THE CURRENT TIMELINE. THE SECOND OPTION THAT WAS PRESENTED  
21 IS WE PROCEED WITH THAT, BUT WE PROVIDE THE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR  
22 FREE IN THE MEANTIME. THAT WOULD COST US AN ESTIMATED 4 TO \$8  
23 MILLION IN THE MEANTIME BECAUSE THOSE WON'T BE REIMBURSED BY  
24 THE MEDICARE PART D PLANS. THE THIRD OPTION WOULD BE TO GO  
25 BACK AND TRY TO AMEND THE EXISTING I.S.D. SYSTEM THAT WE'RE





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1 USING. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S NOT THE BEST USE OF RESOURCES  
2 BECAUSE IT WOULD BE PUTTING ADD-ONS TO A SYSTEM THAT WE'RE  
3 GOING TO BE REPLACING. AND THEN FINALLY, WE HAVE THE  
4 POSSIBILITY OF A DUAL ENTRY SYSTEM. IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY MEAN  
5 THAT WE WOULD BE IDEALLY YOU TAKE CARE OF ALL THE BUSINESS IN  
6 ONE COMPUTER AND ONE TRANSACTION. BUT FOR THAT SMALL NUMBER OF  
7 PERSONS WHO DO HAVE MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL/MEDICARE AND  
8 MEDICARE PART D, WE WOULD IN ESSENCE GO TO A SEPARATE TERMINAL  
9 AND BE SET UP FOR A SPECIFIC BILLING FOR MEDICARE. THAT WOULD  
10 STILL REQUIRE US TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ALL THESE  
11 VARIOUS PLANS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T HAVE TO ENTER INTO ALL OF THEM.  
14 YOU COULD JUST ENTER INTO THOSE WHERE YOU HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL  
15 NUMBER OF PEOPLE, RIGHT?

16

17 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S TRUE. WE COULD TARGET THOSE WHERE -  
18 - THAT SPECIALIZE IN THE LOW INCOME OPTIONS THAT THE STATE  
19 ENROLLS PEOPLE INTO UNDER MEDI-CAL/MEDICARE. AND THAT WOULD  
20 GET THE SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF THOSE THAT WE COVER -- HAVE  
21 DUAL COVERAGE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THE REASON WHY I  
24 HAVE WONDERED WHY WE COULDN'T EVEN GET THIS REPORT FOR A YEAR,  
25 I GO TO NACO AND ALL THE OTHER COUNTIES, OR NOT EVERY SINGLE



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1 ONE, BUT BUT MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS.  
2 AND THIS IS A BENEFIT, OF COURSE, TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO COME TO  
3 OUR FACILITY, THEY GET A PRESCRIPTION, AND THEY WANT TO GET  
4 REIMBURSED FOR IT FROM MEDICARE. THEY WANT IT PAID FOR BY  
5 MEDICARE. WHAT HAPPENS NOW IS THEY HAVE TO GO TO ANOTHER  
6 DRUGSTORE. AND SOMETIMES THOSE DRUG STORES CHARGE THEM  
7 CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THEY WOULD GET -- BE CHARGED IF THEY  
8 COULD JUST GET THEIR PRESCRIPTION AS EVERYONE ELSE DOES, RIGHT  
9 THERE IN OUR COUNTY FACILITY. SO WE HAVE SO MANY COMPLAINTS  
10 FROM PEOPLE WHO, FIRST OF ALL, IT COSTS THEM SO MUCH MORE  
11 BECAUSE SOME OF THEM, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE ON  
12 MEDICARE, THEY OFTEN ARE NOT LEAVING AND COMING BACK OF THEIR  
13 OWN VOLITION. SOMEONE HAS TO BRING THEM, ACCESS SERVICE, OR  
14 SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE THEM TO A DRUGSTORE SO THEY CAN GET THESE  
15 FILLED. AND IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO  
16 THE SAME THING THAT SOME LITTLE SMALL INDEPENDENT DRUGSTORE  
17 DOES, WHERE THEY HAVE A BIG SIGN THAT SAYS "WE TAKE MEDICARE  
18 PART D."

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT SMALL DRUGSTORE HAS ONE  
21 OF THOSE BILLING SYSTEMS THAT WE'RE SEEKING TO INSTALL. ONE OF  
22 THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE HAD OVER THE YEARS IS THAT OUR  
23 PHARMACY SYSTEM HAS BEEN FOCUSED MORE ON THE PROVISION OF THE  
24 PRESCRIPTIONS AND ASSURING THE FORMULARY AND ASSURING THE



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1 SAFETY AS OPPOSED TO BILLINGS BECAUSE MOST OF OUR BILLINGS ARE  
2 COST BASIS THAT GO THROUGH A DIFFERENT MECHANISM. BUT I AGREE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS REALLY IT'S GOING TO  
5 TAKE A YEAR AND A HALF TO GET TO -- LET ME GET THIS IN FRONT  
6 OF ME, THE REPORT IN FRONT OF ME. IT'S A YEAR AND A HALF  
7 BEFORE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SYSTEMS. THEN IT WILL BE  
8 TWO YEARS AFTER THAT BEFORE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, RIGHT?

9

10 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NO, SUPERVISOR. WE EXPECT TO HAVE -- WE  
11 EXPECT TO HAVE A SYSTEM IN THE BEGINNING INSTALLATION IN 2010.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN IT TAKES ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF,  
14 RIGHT?

15

16 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE  
17 SYSTEM WILL TAKE THAT LONG, YES. BUT IT WILL BEGIN THE  
18 IMPLEMENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BETWEEN A YEAR AND A HALF AND 2-1/2.

21

22 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RIGHT.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO AFTER 2010, IS THAT RIGHT?

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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT IS FOR THE ENTIRE 19  
2 PHARMACIES THAT WE HAVE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, TO GET IT INTO A FEW PHARMACIES WHAT  
5 COULD IT TAKE?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I THINK THAT THE ONE  
8 OPTION THAT WE HAVE IS TO PURSUE THIS DUAL ENTRY SYSTEM A  
9 LITTLE BIT MORE CAREFULLY. IF WE BEGAN AND DID A PILOT FOR THE  
10 DUAL ENTRY, IT WOULD USE AN OLD SYSTEM THAT WE STILL OWN THAT  
11 WE COULD UPDATE AND BEGIN WITH THE PHARMACIES THAT HAVE THE  
12 HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF MEDICARE IN OUR EXISTING PATIENT  
13 POPULATION. WE COULD BEGIN TO HAVE THIS AVAILABLE AT THOSE  
14 PHARMACIES THIS FALL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL I WOULD CERTAINLY SUGGEST  
17 THAT. AND I WOULD URGE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD AS IT RELATES TO  
18 THOSE PHARMACIES. BECAUSE IT IT'S REALLY UNBELIEVABLE THAT  
19 THIS COUNTY CANNOT PROVIDE THE SAME THING OTHER COUNTIES  
20 PROVIDE TO ELDERLY PEOPLE. SO IF WE COULD AT LEAST GET  
21 SOMETHING IMPLEMENTED THIS FALL, I WOULD CERTAINLY MOVE THAT  
22 AS AN AMENDMENT THAT WE WOULD PROCEED, AS IT RELATES TO THOSE  
23 PHARMACIES, AND WHEN YOU SAY THIS FALL, THAT'S WHEN? WHAT YEAR  
24 IS THAT? SHUN; I'M TALKING ABOUT 2008 TO EARLY 2009.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BETWEEN 2008 AND--

2

3    **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S A LONG FALL.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND EARLY 2009. OKAY. THIS WINTER OR NEXT  
6    YEAR. ALL RIGHT. BUT CAN YOU GET IT BY EARLY 2009?

7

8    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE  
9    IMPLEMENTATION, I'M CORRECTED HERE, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR  
10   STATING THAT. THE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE BY APRIL.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** APRIL OF 2009?

13

14   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL THAT'S BETTER THAN THREE,  
17   FOUR YEARS.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S MORE LIKE SPRING, ISN'T IT?

20

21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SPRING OF 2009. SO THAT WOULD BE MY  
22   AMENDMENT, THAT YOU WOULD GO INTO THE DUAL SYSTEM WITH AN  
23   UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD BE IN A WORKING ORDER BY APRIL OF 2009.  
24   ALL RIGHT. I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE --

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAD A QUESTION. I MEAN, DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA  
2   HOW MUCH THIS PILOT WILL COST?

3

4   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL 19 OF OUR PHARMACIES,  
5   THE COSTS WOULD BE \$81,000. FOR THE FIRST ONE IT WOULD BE  
6   \$8,800.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT  
9   OUT OF MY DISCRETIONARY.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT COMPLAINING. I JUST WANTED TO HAVE AN  
12   IDEA.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I KNOW. BECAUSE THE NUMBERS THAT  
15   HAVE THROWN AROUND WERE SO HIGH.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW, THAT'S WHY I ASKED, BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL  
18   NUMBERS WERE --

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** \$4 MILLION.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. EXACTLY.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S THE PLAN THAT WOULD GO  
25   FOUR YEARS FROM NOW.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR  
5 ANTONOVICH.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION: WHY DOES IT TAKE, TO FOLLOW-UP ON  
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHY DOES IT TAKE TWO YEARS FOR THE  
9 OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SYSTEM TO BE BROUGHT ONLINE?

10

11 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE IT MEANS IDENTIFYING A  
12 SYSTEM AND GETTING IT INSTALLED. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF  
13 COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS THAT CAN BE USED. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE  
14 PILOTING ONE VERY SOON. IF THAT'S SUCCESSFUL, THEN THAT WILL  
15 PROBABLY BE THE PROTOTYPE THAT WE'LL USE FOR ALL OF THE  
16 PHARMACIES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE AN AUTOMATIC BILLING  
19 IN PLACE TO ADMINISTER MEDICARE PART D TO MULTIPLE  
20 PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS?

21

22 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** DO WE HAVE IT IN PLACE NOW? NO,  
23 SUPERVISOR.

24





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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE TIMELINE IN DEVELOPING THIS  
2   TECHNOLOGY?

3

4   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, ON THE DUAL PILOT THAT WE JUST  
5   TALKED ABOUT WITH MISS BURKE, WE CAN HAVE THE PILOT READY BY  
6   APRIL OF 2009. THE ENTIRE PHARMACY SYSTEM WILL BEGIN, THE  
7   OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SYSTEM, WILL BEGIN INSTALLATION IN 2010.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT CAN'T BE MOVED UP?

10

11   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T THINK SO, SUPERVISOR.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS MEDICARE PART D PLANS EVER CHANGED  
14   ANNUALLY IN THE PAST?

15

16   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RE-NEGOTIATES THOSE  
17   ANNUALLY. SO THE COVERAGE, THE PLAN THAT A PERSON WHO IS MEDI-  
18   CAL/MEDICARE BELONGS TO CAN CHANGE EACH YEAR, WHICH CAUSES  
19   SOME CONFUSION. BUT WE HAVE TO DO THE BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT  
20   OUR PATIENTS KNOW WHICH PLAN THEY'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DOESN'T THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND A DUAL  
23   ENTRY SYSTEM AT OUR HEALTH SERVICE SITES TO MEET MEDICARE D  
24   REQUIREMENTS?

25



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE DUAL ENTRY SYSTEM IS WHAT WE'RE NOW  
2 PROPOSING TO IMPLEMENT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S YOUR TIMELINE ON THAT?

5

6 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT WOULD BE APRIL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S APRIL '09? WOULD BENEFICIARIES OBTAIN  
9 COVERAGE THROUGH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN AND A MEDICARE  
10 ADVANTAGE PLAN THAT COVERS BOTH MEDICAL SERVICES AND  
11 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

12

13 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE CLINIC SERVICES ARE  
14 PROVIDED THROUGH MEDICARE PART B, AS IN BOY. AND CERTAIN DRUGS  
15 THAT ARE DELIVERED AT THE CLINIC SITE ARE COVERED UNDER THAT.  
16 OTHERWISE, THEY HAVE TO BE COVERED UNDER PART D. THOSE WHO ARE  
17 IN MANAGED CARE, WHO ARE IN MEDICARE MANAGED CARE, THAT'S ALL  
18 INCLUSIVE WITHIN THE MANAGED CARE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED METHODOLOGY  
21 INCREASING ENROLLMENT ONCE THE MEDICARE PART D IS ACCEPTED?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE ENROLLMENT, PER SE,  
24 PARTICULARLY FOR THE MEDI-CAL POPULATION, IS DONE BY THE STATE  
25 AS PART OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM. I THINK WHAT THE -- WHAT THIS



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1 -- ONCE WE'RE FULLY IN OPERATION ON THIS, WHAT THIS OFFERS US  
2 IS THE OPTION OR THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING OUR MEDICARE  
3 POPULATION IN SOME OF OUR FACILITIES. AND THAT WILL ACTUALLY  
4 HELP US ON THE REVENUE SIDE, PARTICULARLY ON THE GRADUATE  
5 MEDICAL EDUCATION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU PERMITTED TO NEGOTIATE PRICES OF  
8 DRUGS WITH DRUG COMPANIES?

9

10 **AMY GUTIERREZ:** NO, IT'S ACTUALLY -- IT'S A FIXED FEE THAT  
11 THEY'LL REIMBURSE US. WE DO NEGOTIATE PRICES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE WE PROHIBITED OR JUST A POLICY?

14

15 **AMY GUTIERREZ:** THAT'S JUST THE WAY THE MEDICARE PART D PLANS  
16 WORK. WE ARE-- IF IT'S A FIXED NEGOTIATED PRICE, WE DO  
17 NEGOTIATE PRICES ON PURCHASES. BUT ON REVENUE IT IS FIXED BY  
18 THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT WINDOW FOR PATIENTS IF  
21 THE COUNTY ACCEPTS MEDICARE PART D?

22

23 **AMY GUTIERREZ:** THERE IS AN OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE-ONLY  
24 PATIENTS THAT OCCURS FROM NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR.  
25 AND THE PATIENTS HAVE THE OPTION OF SWITCHING PLANS. IF THE



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1 PATIENT IS A MEDI-MEDI PATIENT, OR MEDICARE PLUS MEDI-CAL,  
2 THEY CAN CHANGE THEIR PLANS MONTHLY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANY PENALTY IF YOU ENROLL AFTER THE  
5 WINDOW?

6

7 **AMY GUTIERREZ:** FOR THOSE PATIENTS THAT HAVE NOT ENROLLED IN  
8 MEDICARE, PART D, AND THEY ARE MEDICARE PATIENTS, THERE IS A  
9 FEDERAL PENALTY OF A CERTAIN PERCENT THAT THEY IMPOSE IF THE  
10 PATIENTS DON'T ENROLL. THE MEDICARE PART D PLAN IS OPTIONAL  
11 FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS. THEY'RE NOT REQUIRED. FOR THE MEDI-MEDI  
12 PATIENTS THEY'RE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WILL THESE PATIENTS GET THE  
17 BENEFIT OF OUR PURCHASING OUR REDUCED PRICE PURCHASING?

18

19 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, SINCE WE WILL PURCHASE THE  
20 DRUGS AT WHATEVER PRICE WE'RE ABLE TO BUY THEM AND WE GET  
21 REIMBURSED BY THE MEDICARE D PLANS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR WHAT YOU ACTUALLY PAY?

24



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1   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RIGHT. THE PATIENTS WON'T SEE ANY  
2   FINANCIAL BENEFIT EXCEPT FOR THE FACT IF THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING  
3   FOR THEM THEMSELVES AND WE COVER IT, THEN THEY WILL HAVE THAT  
4   BENEFIT THAT THEY HAVEN'T PAID FOR IT.

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT BECAUSE IN ESSENCE NOW, THEY DO HAVE  
7   TO PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES. ALL RIGHT. WILL THERE BE ANY  
8   REVENUE, ANY ADDITIONAL REVENUE PRODUCING FROM THIS ONCE WE  
9   GET IT IN PLACE?

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11   **SPEAKER:** A SMALL AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WILL BE OFFSET MOSTLY  
12   BY THE COST OF OPERATING THE -- BUYING THE DRUGS AND OPERATING  
13   THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE THIS WITH THE  
16   UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DUAL SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED AND  
17   OPERATIVE BY APRIL 2009 WITH THAT MOTION. SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THANK YOU.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M SORRY.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS NOT SO ORDERED, RIGHT? I DIDN'T SAY  
2   ANYTHING, DID I? NO I JUST HAD A MOTION. OKAY. MOVED FOR  
3   RECONSIDERATION BUT WE DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE IT? WE DIDN'T HAVE  
4   APPROVAL. MR. SACHS?

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6   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU. ALTHOUGH THIS  
7   DOESN'T ADDRESS 100 PERCENT, BUT THIS IS AN EDITORIAL FROM THE  
8   DAILY BREEZE FROM 7/29/08. IT MENTIONS L.A. COUNTY HOSPITAL'S  
9   ON THE CRITICAL LIST. AND I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE BODY  
10   OF IT, BUT IT GETS INTO MENTIONING MEDICAID PAYMENTS. AND IT  
11   WAS WRITTEN BY A MR. BILL ALLEN, WHO IS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O.  
12   OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. IT  
13   FURTHER STATES THIS COLUMN WAS ALSO ENDORSED BY GARY TOBBIAN,  
14   PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF  
15   COMMERCE, YOLANDA VERA, DIRECTOR OF L.A. HEALTH ACTION. AND  
16   BUSINESS LEADERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY. THE PART THAT I DID  
17   WANT TO READ WAS HE TALKS ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH THE L.A. COUNTY  
18   HOSPITALS. BUT HE ALSO MENTIONS THE MEDICAID PAYMENT DISPARITY  
19   BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES IS FURTHER EXACERBATED IN  
20   THE COUNTY BECAUSE AN AVERAGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HERE RECEIVES  
21   ABOUT 17 PERCENT LESS MEDI-CAL DOLLARS THAN DOES ITS  
22   COUNTERPART IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. I BRING THAT UP FOR TWO  
23   REASONS. FIRST, WHY IS IT SO MUCH LESS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
24   THAN IT IS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA? BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE  
25   STARTS OFF THE PARAGRAPH BY MENTIONING MEDICAID PAYMENT



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1 DISPARITY BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES AND THEN GOES ON  
2 TO MENTION THE DISPARITY BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN  
3 CALIFORNIA, WHERE THAT WOULD BE JUST ONE STATE. MY POINT BEING  
4 THAT YOU'RE GETTING REPORTS. BUT THIS IS INFORMATION. AND THEN  
5 THE FOCUS TURNS ON A DIME. SO I COME BEFORE YOU TO MENTION  
6 THAT AND BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. EVIDENTLY THESE PEOPLE  
7 HAVE SOME ACCLAIM BEHIND THEM, AND THEY'VE ENDORSED HIS  
8 COLUMN. AND HE'S TALKING REGARDING MEDICAID FOR THE  
9 CALIFORNIA. AND THE FOCUS CHANGES. SO I BRING THAT TO YOU JUST  
10 TO MAINTAIN THAT THE FOCUS SHOULD STAY ON MEDICAID/MEDI-CAL  
11 AND WHAT IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUBLIC IS THE CORRECT  
12 INFORMATION. BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN, WE GET REPORTS AND WE GET  
13 INFORMATION AND IT'S SPUN AROUND ON A DIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
14 TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR.

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SUPERVISOR? DR. CLAVREUL? DR.

21 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THAT WAS A FREUDIAN SLIP. BUT I INTEND ONE  
22 DAY TO BE IN THAT SEAT. AND I JUST WANT TO CITE YOU AGAIN A  
23 VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. ON S-1, THERE WAS NO DOCUMENT  
24 AVAILABLE EVEN THIS MORNING NEITHER ON THE COMPUTER OR IN THE  
25 BACK OVER THERE. YOU KNOW, MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE YOU A COPY





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1 AGAIN OF S.B.343. WE'RE DEALING THAT THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED 72  
2 HOURS BEFORE THE PRESENTATION TO HAVE DOCUMENTS SO THEY CAN  
3 ASSESS THE REPORT. AND I TALKED TO MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
4 STEVE COOLEY THIS MORNING, AND HE TOTALLY AGREE WITH ME THAT  
5 YOU SHOULD MEET THOSE CRITERIA. AND YOU KNOW I'M GETTING TIRED  
6 TO BRING THAT ISSUE REPEATEDLY. AND YOU KNOW, I HAVE COMPUTER  
7 ACCESS ALL THE TIME. AND MANY TIMES I CANNOT OBTAIN THE  
8 DOCUMENTATION. BUT THERE IS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO DO NOT  
9 HAVE ACCESS. WE ARE ENTITLED THE SAME RIGHTS AND SHOULD BE  
10 ABLE TO SEE IT. THE ISSUE AGAIN IS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.  
11 WITH ALL THOSE MILLIONS WE HAVE SPENT, WE CANNOT EVEN DEVELOP  
12 A SYSTEM TO BILL? EXCUSE ME. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT  
13 PICTURE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, TO WANT TO  
14 GIVE \$2,000 FROM YOUR FLUSH FUND TO PAY FOR THAT, BUT I DON'T  
15 THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY. WE JUST  
16 DON'T HAVE THE QUALIFIED PEOPLE OR BRAINS TO RUN IT. AND IT'S  
17 ABOUT TIME. WE DO THAT IN THIS COUNTY. I MEAN WE'RE SPENDING  
18 MILLIONS. AND WE CANNOT DO NOTHING. I MEAN, IT TAKES US TO  
19 2010. AND THEN -- I MEAN, IT'S ALWAYS LATER, LATER, LATER.  
20 SOMETIME SOME OF YOU PEOPLE SHOULD THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AND  
21 DO THE WORK. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY -- I'M GOING TO MOVE  
24 THIS. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT THAT WE DID FOR DEPUTY AND  
3 I HAVE ONE OTHER.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAD JUMPED IN FRONT OF YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUMPED IN FRONT OF YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU JUMPED IN FRONT OF ME.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WEREN'T HERE.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH. SO DO YOU WANT ME TO DO THIS ONE? OKAY, I'M  
16 SORRY, I MISUNDERSTOOD. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
17 POMONA RESIDENT DONALD HOKANSON. HE HAS SERVED AS MY APPOINTEE  
18 TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGING. DONALD WAS A DEDICATED COUNTY  
19 COMMISSIONER AND A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. HE TOUCHED COUNTLESS  
20 LIVES OVER THE YEARS THROUGH HIS MANY TIRELESS CIVIC  
21 CONTRIBUTIONS. WE WANT TO EXTEND HIS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO  
22 HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CERTAINLY HIS PROFESSIONAL  
23 COLLEAGUES, AS WELL.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS,  
7 MADAME CHAIR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
8 OF GENE EVANS, WHO WAS THE PYROTECHNIC DESIGNER, WHOSE  
9 FIREWORK DISPLAYS LIT UP THE NIGHT SKY AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
10 FOR THE LAST 39 YEARS, DIED AT THE AGE OF 70. DURING HIS FOUR-  
11 DECADE CAREER, HE WAS ONE OF THE PYROTECHNIC DESIGNERS FOR THE  
12 1986 STATUE OF LIBERTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK. HE  
13 ALSO DESIGNED FIREWORKS SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR LAS VEGAS SHOWS  
14 AND CONCERTS WITH A NUMBER OF ROCK GROUPS AND POP GROUPS. BUT  
15 HE WAS MOST WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS WORK AT OUR OWN HOLLYWOOD  
16 BOWL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SHAWN, HIS SON CURTIS,  
17 TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND A GREAT GRANDSON. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK  
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GENYA INTRATOR, WHO PASSED AWAY  
19 RECENTLY IN TORONTO, CANADA. GENYA INTRATOR WAS A TIRELESS  
20 ACTIVIST AND WHO I KNEW WHEN I WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE  
21 STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY. SHE DEDICATED HERSELF TO WORKING ON  
22 BEHALF OF REFUSENIKS. IN FACT, SHE WAS FEATURED IN THE RECENT  
23 DOCUMENTARY FILM, REFUSENIK. ON BEHALF OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO  
24 WERE ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHT OF  
25 EMIGRATION. SHE WAS A NATIVE RUSSIAN SPEAKER AND AS SUCH SHE



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1 WAS A GREAT ASSET TO THE MOVEMENT ON THIS SIDE OF ATLANTIC,  
2 WHERE SHE PLACED THOUSANDS OF TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE FORMER  
3 SOVIET UNION ON BEHALF OF AND TO THOSE REFUSENIKS BEHIND THE  
4 IRON CURTAIN. SHE NEVER LOST HOPE, AND LIVED TO SEE THE  
5 RELEASE OF ALL THOSE WHO WANTED TO EMIGRATE. SHE IS SURVIVED  
6 BY HER DAUGHTERS, DAPHNE INTRATOR AND ORNA SPIRA. AND ASK THAT  
7 WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO THAT I HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS BEING HELD? I HAVE  
12 NO OTHER ITEMS.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT. ANNA FAKTOROVICH. DAMIEN  
15 GOODMAN. JENNIFER JACKSON AND LENGANJI CHASE SIAME. ARNOLD  
16 SACHS? DID I CALL ARNOLD SACHS? ARNOLD SACHS. ANNA?  
17 FAKTOROVICH. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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19 **ANNA FAKTOROVICH:** HI, HOW ARE YOU? MY NAME IS ANNA  
20 FAKTOROVICH.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN START.

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24 **ANNA FAKTOROVICH:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO FILE A COMPLAINT  
25 WITH YOU. I WAS WRONGFULLY TERMINATED FROM THE METROPOLITAN



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1 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS ORGANIZATION,  
2 AND YOU HAVE HAD SOME OTHER MOTIONS ON THE FLOOR TODAY THAT  
3 HAVE TO DO WITH THIS ORGANIZATION, IS VERY CORRUPT. THE  
4 BUREAUCRACY THERE, THE MANAGERS THERE ARE CREATING A SITUATION  
5 WHERE THE PUBLIC IS PUT AT RISK. THE BLUE LINE KILLS MORE  
6 PEDESTRIANS THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER RAILWAY COMPANY IN THE  
7 COUNTRY AND, YET, THE FILING SYSTEM IS HAPHAZARD, CHAOTIC,  
8 IT'S OUT OF DATE. THERE ARE FILES THERE FROM THE '90S, IT'S  
9 VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYTHING. AND THAT'S THE BASIC ELEMENT  
10 THAT HAS TO BE FIXED IN ORDER FOR THIS COMPANY TO MOVE FORWARD  
11 AND TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT IS THEY ARE DOING  
12 AND HOW THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO HELP THE  
13 PUBLIC BETTER. I WAS A VICTIM OF A NUMBER OF VARIOUS  
14 HARASSMENTS AND ASSAULTS WHEN I WAS WORKING THERE. AND THEY  
15 DID NOT ADDRESS ANY OF MY CONCERNS. THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH  
16 GANG VIOLENCE ON THESE TRAINS. THERE WERE TWO TAGGERS THAT  
17 WERE ARRESTED ON THE BLUE AND ON THE GREEN LINE IN JULY. THE  
18 SAME MONTHS I FILED TWO COMPLAINTS WHEN I WAS BATTERED ON ONE  
19 OF THE BUSES AND I WAS ASSAULTED, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED ON ONE OF  
20 THEIR TRAINS. THEY DID NOT REPLY TO ANY OF MY CONCERNS. I WAS  
21 ALSO SEXUALLY ASSAULTED OR HARASSED BY THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES,  
22 ONE WHO WAS TRAINING ME KEPT SCREAMING AT ME AND KEPT JUST  
23 KEPT BEING REALLY, REALLY DISRUPTIVE, MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT  
24 FOR ME TO WORK WITH HER AND WITH MY MANAGER, AS WELL. AND THEN  
25 THEY TERMINATED WITHOUT GIVING ME ANY REASON FOR THE



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1 TERMINATION. AND I AM CERTAIN THAT THE REASON WAS THAT THAT  
2 MORNING I HAD CALLED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO FILE A COMPLAINT,  
3 LINKING THE TAGGERS TO THE CRIMES THAT I WAS A VICTIM OF, BOTH  
4 EXHIBITIONIST CASES, BOTH VIOLENT. VANDALISM I GUESS IS  
5 SIMILAR IN A WAY TO BATTERY ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC TRAIN. AND  
6 JUST THAT AN HOUR LATER THEY FIRED ME. AND I AM CERTAIN THE  
7 SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS NOT PROVIDED ME WITH TAPES. I JUST ASKED  
8 THEM FROM THE TAPES FROM THE TRAINS, AND THEY HAVEN'T EVEN  
9 DONE THAT. THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANY INVESTIGATION. AND I HAVE  
10 BEEN A VICTIM OF A NUMBER OF OTHER GANG-RELATED EVENTS. I HOPE  
11 THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER PERHAPS TO START SOME KIND OF AN  
12 ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE AND TO EXPLAIN TO THE METRO WHY IT'S SO  
13 IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC'S  
14 NEEDS --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WHERE DO  
17 YOU LIVE? WHAT DISTRICT ARE YOU?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE PRESENTED SOME INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICE  
20 YESTERDAY. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE ISSUE. MR. VELASQUEZ WILL TALK  
21 TO HER, EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN M.T.A. ISSUE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. DAMIEN GOODMAN. I  
24 DON'T SEE HIM. HE APPEARS TO HAVE LEFT. JENNIFER JACKSON AND  
25 MR. SACHS, I HOPE YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY DOWN.



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2 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** OKAY, HI. MY NAME IS JENNIFER LYNN JACKSON.  
3 I HAVE THREE THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT. GLORIA MOLINA, I  
4 WROTE SUGGESTIONS TO YOUR OFFICE BACK IN 1999 IN REGARDS TO  
5 THE LEADER SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
6 SERVICES COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT STARTED AT THE END OF 2000. I  
7 WROTE SUGGESTIONS. THEY WERE ACCEPTED BY PROP 10 AND THE  
8 BOARD. AND I NEVER RECEIVED ANY RECOGNITION FOR IT. I'M HURT  
9 BEHIND THAT. SO I WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION  
10 BECAUSE I FEEL --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU TOLD ME WHEN? IN 2003?

13

14 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** THE LEADER SYSTEM STARTED AT THE END OF  
15 2000. AND MY SUGGESTIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED IN THAT COMPUTER  
16 SYSTEM.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WILL LOOK YOU UP.

19

20 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OKAY. THE OTHER THING IS  
21 YVONNE BURKE, THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES IS FILTHY. I'VE  
22 CALLED. I SPOKE TO SELICA. THERE IS GARBAGE EVERYWHERE, DOG  
23 FECES EVERYWHERE. LOOKS LIKE IT'S THE NEGLECTED SIDE OF TOWN.  
24 OKAY? SO I WANTED TO SAY THAT. THEN ALSO THE OTHER THING, I  
25 HAVE LETTERS IN MY POSSESSION AND DOCUMENTS WHERE I HAVE





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1 WRITTEN TO MARION SIMMONS IN REGARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND FOSTER CARE, WHERE AN  
3 INVESTIGATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. MY CHILDREN WERE TAKEN  
4 BECAUSE THEY HAD MOSQUITO BITES AND SCRATCHES. THIS IS A  
5 LETTER SUPPORTING THAT THAT SAYS "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, OUR  
6 CENTER HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MISS JACKSON FOR OVER EIGHT  
7 YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, THE FAMILY RECEIVED NUMEROUS SERVICES  
8 SUCH AS FOOD, HYGIENE," ON AND ON AND ON. BUT I'M GOING TO  
9 READ THIS PART. "THE CHILDREN WERE ALSO ENROLLED IN OUR SUMMER  
10 CAMP PROGRAM AND WE ARE AWARE THAT UPON RETURNING HOME FROM  
11 THEIR LAST OUTING IN 1999, THE CHILDREN HAD EXPERIENCED SOME  
12 INSECT BITES AND THEIR ARMS WERE QUITE IRRITATED AND SCARRED  
13 FROM THEM." I PRESENTED THIS. I PRESENTED MEDICAL DOCUMENTS,  
14 ALL OF THIS. AND ALL OF IT WAS IGNORED. I'M SURE THIS IS NOT  
15 AN ISOLATED CASE. MY CHILDREN ARE OF AGE NOW. BUT I FEEL THAT  
16 YOUR OFFICE SHOULD INVESTIGATE THESE CASES MUCH CLOSER. AGAIN,  
17 AS I SAID, I HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS THAT SUPPORTED MY  
18 INNOCENCE, THAT MY CHILDREN WERE NOT ABUSED OR NEGLECTED. AND  
19 I WROTE MISS SIMMONS. I EVEN HAVE THE LETTER FROM 1999. MY MOM  
20 SENT EVERYTHING TO ME. THIS IS NOT PLAYING THE RACE CARD  
21 BECAUSE MISS SIMMONS IS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WHEN I MAKE THIS  
22 STATEMENTS. THERE WERE A LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN  
23 BEING TAKEN. THE COURTHOUSE IS NOW FILLED WITH A LOT OF  
24 HISPANIC CHILDREN. I HAVE LISTS OF PARENTS WHO SAY THEIR  
25 CHILDREN WERE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNTY CAN'T JUSTIFY IT. MY



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1 CHILDREN WERE MOLESTED IN FOSTER CARE. I HAVE POLICE REPORTS.  
2 AND THEY SAID I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE THEY  
3 WERE WARDS OF THE COURT. THEY BELONGED TO THE COUNTY. THEY  
4 SAID THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT. MY DAUGHTER CAME  
5 FORWARD AND WENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ABOUT BEING FONDLED.  
6 THEY SAID I COULD NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND I HAVE THE  
7 REPORTS HERE. SO AGAIN, IT WAS SAVED, MAY I MAKE THIS LAST  
8 STATEMENT? IF THE COUNTY FOCUSES MORE ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION,  
9 IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY AND TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE DOING THAT.

12

13 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** BECAUSE FOSTER PARENTS GET, WHAT, \$1200 A  
14 MONTH TO KEEP CHILDREN? OKAY? SO I WANTED TO SAY THAT. AND  
15 THEN AGAIN, I HOPE THAT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME NEVER HAPPENS TO  
16 ANY OTHER PARENT OR CHILD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE CERTAINLY WILL, THERE'S  
19 SOMEONE FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OVER THERE THAT WILL  
20 SPEAK TO YOU.

21

22 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS AND THEN LENGANJI SIAME.

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1   **JENNIFER JACKSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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3   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. IT'S GO TIME, ARNOLD  
4   SACHS. IN YOUR AGENDA ITEMS TODAY REGARDING THE M.T.A. AND THE  
5   HALF CENT SALES TAX, WAS THERE ANY STRATEGY FOR OFFSETTING A  
6   FARE INCREASE THAT WILL COME ABOUT IF THIS HALF CENT SALES TAX  
7   IS NOT PASSED? AND SINCE IT MAY NOT EVEN BE ON THE BALLOT,  
8   YOU'RE LOOKING TO FIGHT THAT, WILL THE M.T.A., THEREFORE,  
9   PUBLIC FUNDING BE USED TO GO TO COURT FOR LAWYERS' FEES? I'D  
10  ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ONE OF THE ITEMS IN THE --  
11  REGARDING THE HALF CENT SALES TAX, THE FEWER BILL, ELIMINATING  
12  THE TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR PROJECTS IS A NECESSARY EVIL THAT  
13  NEEDS TO BE KEPT IF THIS WERE TO GO FORWARD. THEN I WOULD ALSO  
14  LIKE TO ASK THAT SINCE I WAS HERE -- WHEN I WAS HERE LAST  
15  WEEK, I MENTIONED THAT I HAD GONE TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
16  AND ITS RESPONSE TO A PROJECT THAT'S BEEN -- THAT IS BEING  
17  PUSHED BY THE M.T.A., AND THAT'S THE MID-CITY CONNECTOR. WOULD  
18  THERE BE A REVIEW OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND ITS FOCUS?  
19  CLOSE ENOUGH JUST DOESN'T GET IT. AND THEN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO,  
20  SOMEBODY CAME BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN PUBLIC  
21  COMMENT TO SPEAK ABOUT A PROPERTY, A PROBLEM THEY HAD WITH THE  
22  COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE REGARDING SOME PROPERTY. AND I'M  
23  JUST CURIOUS, FOR PERSONAL REASONS, WHEN YOU FILE A BUSINESS,  
24  A D.B.A. FOR A BUSINESS, DOES THAT ALSO NEED TO BE FILED? OR  
25  IS THERE SOMEBODY I SHOULD SPEAK TO OR COULD SPEAK TO



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1 REGARDING THAT? AND, FINALLY, WHEN I JUST WENT OUTSIDE, I  
2 WOULD APPRECIATE IT OR MAYBE IT COULD BE CONSIDERED THAT THEY  
3 COULD PUT SOME RECYCLABLE BINS FOR PLASTICS THROUGHOUT THE  
4 COUNTY FACILITIES HERE? BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PLASTIC  
5 BOTTLES THAT END UP GOING IN THE TRASH, AND IT WOULD BE VERY  
6 SIMPLE. THE CITY OF L.A. HAS MULTICOLORED RECEPTACLES  
7 THROUGHOUT CITY HALL THAT THE PUBLIC CAN USE TO RECYCLE  
8 PLASTIC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS, AND YOUR  
9 ATTENTION, AS ALWAYS.

10

11 **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LENGANJI CHASE  
12 SIAME. AND I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY OF  
13 SPEAKING TO YOU. FIRSTLY, THANK YOU FOR RESOLVING THE JOB  
14 SEARCH ISSUE WITH THE D.P.S.S. OFFICE. THE ONLY COMMENT THAT I  
15 HAVE TO MAKE IS THAT HAD WE REVIEWED OUR NOTES BEFOREHAND, WE  
16 WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS ON SOME ACTIVITIES AND  
17 SERVICES OFFERED BY THE D.P.S.S. OFFICE. THE ATTACHMENT AT THE  
18 LEVY LEARNING CENTER IS A SUCCESSFUL IDEA WHICH SHOULD BE  
19 APPLAUDED FOR THE GREAT IMPACT WHICH IT HAS MADE TO SOCIETY.  
20 SECONDLY, TO ALL AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS FIRMS AND  
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, I AM INVITING ALL THE HEADS TO ATTEND  
22 A FIDUCIARY MEETING WITH THEIR PERSONAL AIDES. I MENTIONED  
23 HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING LAST WEEK ON  
24 TUESDAY ABOUT THIS FIDUCIARY MEETING THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
25 THE SHERATON HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. THE SPECIFIC DATE



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1 AND TIME FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS THE  
2 NECESSARY PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. IT IS MY ASPIRATION FOR  
3 THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT NO LATER TIME THAN FOUR WEEKS  
4 FROM TODAY. THE WHOLE PURPOSE FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE TO  
5 DETERMINE WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WISH TO BE BETTER ORGANIZED.  
6 INDIVIDUALS OR WELL WISHERS FROM AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS,  
7 BUSINESS FIRMS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
8 TAKE PART IN MAKING THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD  
9 CONTACT ME, LENGANJI, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 213-272-3270, OR YOU  
10 CAN EMAIL ME AT GUXANJI@YAHOO.COM. AND MY ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX  
11 811613, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90081. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE  
12 TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR MISS GEORGIA SCOTT TO CONTACT ME AS SOON  
13 AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO PLAN AND MAKE DECISIONS  
14 ABOUT THIS MEETING. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
20 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, ITEM  
21 NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
22 LITIGATION. ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
23 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. AND  
24 ITEM NO. CS-3, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
25 EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.



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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 5, 2008

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Natural

7 Resources Defense Council v. Stephen L. Johnson, U.S. District

8 Court, Central District Case No. 06-4843

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10 This lawsuit seeks to require the United States Environmental

11 Protection Agency to conduct studies and adopt criteria for

12 water quality standards at beaches. (08-1860)

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14 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of the case

15 entitled Natural Resources Defense Council v. Stephen L.

16 Johnson. The terms of the agreement will be made available

17 after approval by all parties.

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19 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

20 present.

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22 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.

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2 Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of  
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